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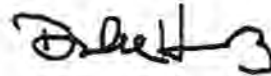
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Director, FBI

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THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY  
INFORMATION CONCERNING (INTERNAL SECURITY)

On 3/9/61, [redacted] The Book Nook, 116 College Place, Norfolk, Virginia, advised that The John Birch Foundation or Society had recently held a meeting in a room at the Lafayette Yacht Club, Norfolk. She stated the object of the meeting was to form a chapter of the John Birch Society in Norfolk and the object of the John Birch Society is to fight communism.

She stated that the annual dues are \$24.00 for men and \$12.00 for women and that a life membership can be obtained for \$1,000.00.

[redacted] stated that a young man whose name she does not know but who was allegedly from Richmond, Virginia, showed a film regarding the life of JOHN BIRCH at the meeting held in Norfolk. She stated that she got the impression that a chapter of The JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY had been organized in Richmond. [redacted] stated that literature was sold to those present and that this included the following:

- (1) The Life of John Birch, by ROBERT H. W. WELCH, JR.
- (2) American Edition, Volume II, Number I, January 1959  
This contains bibliographies of various books regarding communism and reflects that it is intended primarily for reference purposes.

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- (3) The Blue Book of the John Birch Society, Third Printing  
Copyright 1959 by ROBERT WELCH.

This book reflects that The John Birch Society was founded in Indianapolis on 12/9/58. As of the first anniversary date, it had working chapters in New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Connecticut, New York, Virginia, South Carolina, Florida, Tennessee, Michigan, Illinois, Wisconsin, Iowa, Louisiana, Texas, California, and Washington.

[redacted] stated that the local people in Norfolk who seemed to be the leaders in attempting to form a chapter of The John Birch Society in Norfolk were [redacted]

[redacted] and [redacted]. She stated that she understood that [redacted] is a lifetime member of The John Birch Society.

The Norfolk files reflect that [redacted] resides at [redacted]; that he is owner of the WILLIAM I. MCKENDREE COMPANY (duplicating machines), 245 W. Bate Street, Norfolk; and has been an active member of the Defenders of State Sovereignty and Individual Liberties (DSSIL).

On 11/19/55, [redacted] advised SA [redacted] of this office that he was a member of the DSSIL and that this group was very anti-communist in its nature and objectives. He stated that he personally had given some public talks against communism.

The Norfolk Ledger Dispatch Newspaper, on 4/11/59, contained an article entitled "Defenders File 3 Candidates For House". This article reflects that three DSSIL-backed candidates announced on 4/11/59 they will seek election to the House of Delegates. One of those named was W. I. MCKENDREE. The newspaper identified MCKENDREE as one of the founders of the Norfolk Chapter of the DSSIL and the Tidewater Educational Foundation, Inc.



An article appearing in the Norfolk Virginian-Pilot Newspaper of 11/11/57 reflected that two Norfolk men had been elected to posts in the State organization of the BSIL. The article further reflected that FRANK R. PONS, Norfolk jeweler, had been named a State Vice-President. The article also reflected that both PONS and NAGAN were members of the Board of the Norfolk Chapter of the organization.

The Norfolk files reflect that [redacted] resides at [redacted] that he is the owner of [redacted]

A mimeographed leaflet carrying the heading "Defenders of State Sovereignty and Individual Liberties, Norfolk Chapter", reflected that a meeting of this group was to be held on 10/18/60. This leaflet was signed: Defenders of State Sovereignty, J. Addison Nagan, President, Norfolk Chapter.

[redacted] is also carried [redacted] in Norfolk File [redacted] Bufile [redacted]

No investigation is being conducted concerning The John Birch Society, WASH; however, any additional information received regarding this organization will be promptly furnished to the Bureau.

Information copy of this letter being sent Richmond since [redacted] reported a man from Richmond was in attendance at the Norfolk meeting of entitled organization.

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SUPPORT YOUR



LOCAL POLICE

They need it. The Communists know, as the American people do not, that the city and community police forces now constitute one of the most important remaining obstacles to the gradual, insidious, and at first invisible, establishment of the mechanics of their Communist police state. The local working police are the best friends everywhere, of anti-Communists like ourselves, because they constantly run up against all of the dirty tactics of the Communists, and of the dupes and allies of the Communists, in their respective areas.

For this reason there has been a subtle, but now increasingly bolder and more extensive effort, to harass and discredit local police forces and their individual members, going on in the country for more than a decade. Just one illustration was the CBS television show, The Biography Of A Bookie Joint, which was designed to make all working "cops" look like grafting burns; and which has been proved by a thorough later investigation to have been basically as phony as was the "interview" with your Founder in Santa Barbara two years ago, that CBS broadcast all over the country. (We revealed the true facts about this incredibly dirty and deliberate distortion in an earlier bulletin, and reprinted those paragraphs in a thin leaflet as The Story Of A Hoax.) And we could fill this bulletin with other illustrations.

This support of their local police by all good citizens everywhere is going to become especially important now that Communist-inspired racial riots are getting to be a regular part of the American scene. The police will be "crucified" by the Liberals, in the press and over the airwaves, for practically everything they do in the line of duty. And this will be true no matter how circumspectly they handle themselves, nor with what careful restraint they use their authority, in connection with every large or small outbreak of civil disorder which the Communist plotters can produce.

Nor will the Communists nor even their Liberal dupes leave to chance the supply of grist for their mills of distortion. The police chief of Birmingham was doing a superb job of maintaining law and order in the midst of a hot situation, while letting thousand of Negroes march and hundreds of white people protest all they wished. He merely set up a line of police, protected by their police dogs, to keep the two groups apart. And peace was maintained day after day, while the level heads of the city, both white and colored, got together and tried to solve the problems underlying the turmoil. But this was the last thing that the instigators of the trouble wanted; and when incidents didn't arise, incidents had to be created. So a carefully planned tableau was enacted. While cameras were poised and ready to catch the show at the right instant, one or more hotheads or dupes among the Negroes went up to the line and deliberately kicked one or more of the dogs. The result was a

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picture, plastered in the papers all over the United States (and on the front page of the Boston Herald, of course), of a policeman barely holding onto a dog which was straining at the leash to attack a Negro among the Birmingham "civil rights" advocates in Birmingham.

There were no other results of the incident except the picture, which was the glorious piece of propaganda that the Communists wanted. But it shows you what the police will be up against everywhere in simply trying, as calmly as possible under the circumstances, to maintain law and order. The Federal Marshals, for another illustration, not only were not needed in Oxford, Mississippi for that purpose, but actually created most of the rioting -- as they obviously were intended to do. But of course the more the local police, anywhere or everywhere, can be discredited, the more willing the gullible American people will be to accept the entry of Federal troops as necessary to put down rioting.

Among the more carefully plotted schemes for harassing the police, discrediting individual policemen, and discouraging all those who might want to do their duty, has been the setting up of Police Review Boards -- to which many gullible dogooders and bleeding hearts have been giving support. Their chief function, in practice anyway if not in theory, is to make every individual police officer scared to death, as to every action he takes even in dealing with vicious criminals in emergency situations, of being called before some board weeks or months later, and condemned with loss of pay or maybe loss of job, for having been too unkind to the poor wayward unfortunates who were about to shoot him in the back, or stamp in his face, when he tried to interfere with their waywardness.

We shall return to this whole theme in later bulletins. At present we suggest simply that you

(a) Oppose the continuance or establishment of Police Review Boards.

(b) When you come across questionable criticism of your local police by some Liberal editor or nice-Nellie commentator, find out the real facts if you can. Usually the fellow officers of those being criticized will give you the unvarnished truth. Then if you find the criticism to have been unjustified, write and put the record straight.

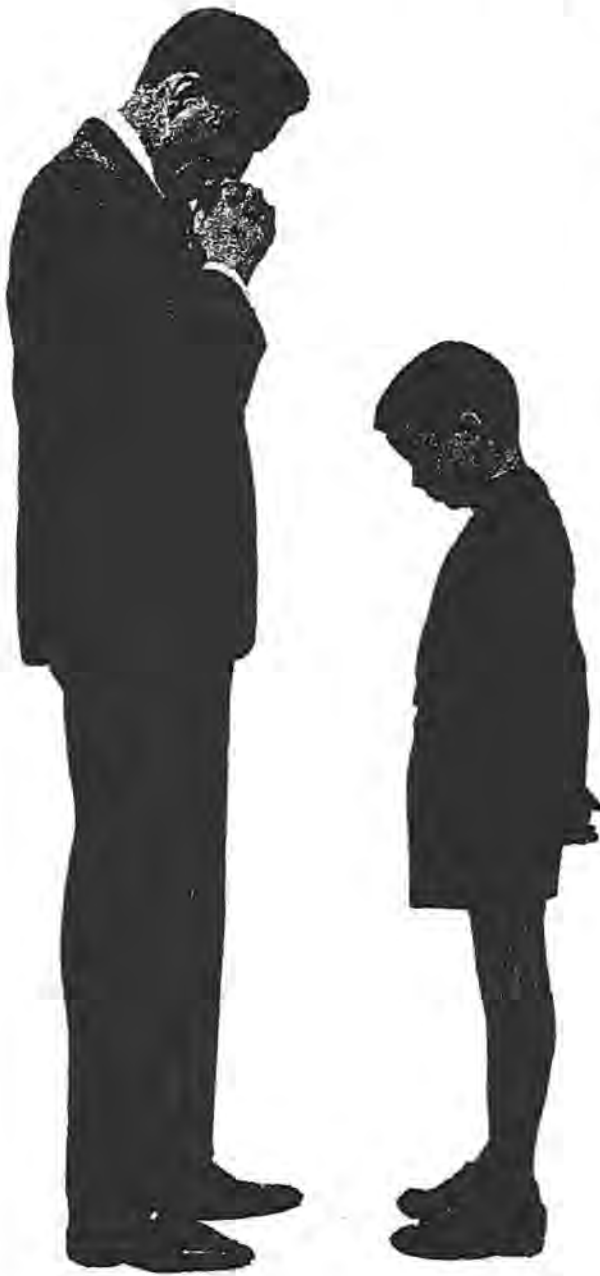
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## IT CAN HAPPEN HERE



"My dear son

I am so sorry you are going to  
have to live under Communism.

It seemed to come so quickly.

I didn't think their lies could win.

I guess we were so busy  
with other things.

Not enough of us spoke up for  
freedom when we had the chance."



### **TROUBLEMAKER**

*He is the silent one. He never speaks up on issues. He never sounds off in the letter column of his local newspaper. He never writes his Congressman. He is quiet as a clam. How can the United States stay free . . . if all of us, like this one, withhold our opinions, our ideas, our criticisms? The *silent* troublemaker fails to understand this. He never dares to question an oppressive law. In his wish to offend nobody, he offends all. *Freedom begins at home.**

you do when the order comes to gather your children and ship them into State camps where they can become robots of the State?

Communist writings openly predict that they will seize control centers, and that the great mass of population will lie prostrate. Records show that the lawless of a nation will take this opportunity to swoop down on the helpless, motivated in part by the same drive that causes looting after floods have driven people from their homes. Can you be sure that this will not happen—especially after you read of the riots on Memorial Day in Griffith Park? There certainly was no motivation to justify attacks upon citizens and police, and the destruction of private property. How would these same people react if all law were suddenly eliminated?

Or, suppose you lived through the blood baths, and 15 years from now, your youngsters ask about the America that was. Will you tell them of the freedoms you had, the freedom to go where you wished, to do what you wished, to say what you wished? Will you tell them of the fun you had and the happiness you had? What will you say when they ask how these things happened to slip away?

Will you admit that you dismissed all efforts to halt the drift towards communism as "McCarthyism," that you helped smear everyone who tried to point out the danger?

It may seem a flight of fancy to ponder what could happen to America, but remember—the Pentagon, charged with protecting you and yours from all dangers, foreign and domestic, has already made a study as to the best time to surrender! Ponder that!

If you are a father or mother, look at your children. If they are asleep, walk in and look at them—peaceful, contented, trusting. Are you doing anything to prevent just such a terrifying picture as we have painted? Do you bother to inform yourself on the drift towards tyranny? Or do you plan to collaborate with the enemy, to "make friends" with the new order?

If America is to be spared this terror, it must be because her people have forbidden it. If the people will not stem the tide, then each American must face the terror that has already been visited upon Czechoslovakia, Poland, Yugoslavia, East Germany, Latvia, Lithuania, Estonia, Manchuria, and many, many other lands.

And, Mister, what will you tell your children?

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## Editorial Opinion

# MOSTLY POLITICAL

By Don Carpenter

## What Will You Tell Your Children?

Oftentimes, for the sake of argument, one must stipulate to certain points as facts. Let's hope that our friends who see no danger in the communist program will agree for the time being, that there is such a danger and that the danger may suddenly overcome America, just as it did Czechoslovakia. What will you tell your children?

Let's say, for the sake of argument, that the Reds assume control, they are in control of communications, they are in control of public utilities, they have slaughtered or imprisoned the police, they have clobbered resistance, and America lies prone, awaiting the blood purges that must certainly follow, enduring the terrifying period of vacuum before the calked heel of Godless communist tyranny comes smashing down.

What will you tell those youngsters clustered at your knee? How will you tell them that their nation, strong, dynamic, compassionate a few years ago, is now gone? How will you tell them that you cannot go to the store and buy food for them because the store is locked against its owners and that your money is no longer any good? How will you tell them that the policeman on the corner is no longer a friend—he has been replaced by a tyrant from the steppes of Asia or from the jungles of Africa? How will you tell them that the America your fathers gave to you, has been lost?

What will you say when your little son, who feels you are a Marshal Dillon or a Hopalong Cassidy, asks you why you don't take a gun and go out to set things straight? What will you say when your teenager asks you what you have done to prevent this takeover? Will you tell him you played golf or went fishing or learned to waterski or worked in the garden or learned to make ceramics or hiked in the hills or a million other things, while your nation went down the drain?

What will you say when these children, whose lives have already been blueprinted for them, ask what they should do? How will you advise them when they ask if they should resist? What will you say if they ask you if they should continue to adore God, despite the ultimatum of the New Order? What will

## ***Far to the Right***

# **John Birch Society**

By Thomas O'Neill

WASHINGTON.

Along with the conservative revival in political thinking that is evident on the college campus and elsewhere, there is a spreading movement so far to the right as to be all but out of sight, inspired by a leadership that looks with dark suspicion upon even the most proper Republicans. Senator Barry Goldwater, the recognized voice of stalwart conservatism, wants only to go back to McKinley. The new boys want to go back to George III.

This collector's item among political groups operates under the unrevealing label of the John Birch Society. It is a little more than two years old and has roots in 34 states, plus the District of Columbia.

Senator Milton R. Young, of North Dakota, a standpat Republican among standpatters, gave the Senate an insight into the John Birch philosophy. Its North Dakota affiliates, he said while putting into the record some of the few published articles that have dealt with the semi-secret band, have flung out broad intimations that he is a Communist, or, at best, is pro-Communist.

## **'Cells' in 16 States.**

The John Birch Society grew out of a two-day meeting in Indianapolis held in secrecy, December 8-9, 1958. The secrecy was largely maintained during its first year, while "cells" were established in 16 states. Inquirers probing into rumors during that period met a silence of the kind that led to the nativist American party of the last century being dubbed the Know Nothings.

John Birch, whose name is attached to all this, was a fundamentalist minister from Georgia who became a missionary in China. During the war in the Pacific Birch was an intelligence officer in the forces commanded by Gen. Claire Chennault. Ten days after the Japanese surrender he was shot and killed in a Chinese village apparently by Communist guerrillas.

Operating headquarters are in a Boston suburb, which is the residence of the chief spirit, founder and namer of the John Birch Society. He is Robert Welch, a candy company executive, who, since 1957, has dropped most of his business responsibilities to devote his time to promoting the credo that the United States is in imminent danger of being overthrown, if not by armed uprisings then by the insidious device of Social Security.

Mr. Welch, born in 1899 in North Carolina, was educated at the University of North Carolina, the United States Naval Academy and at Harvard Law School. He has been a fairly prolific writer. One of his works, in manuscript only, is titled "The Politician" and is by way of being the Magna Carta of the John Birch Society.

On page 268 of that treatise, Mr. Welch recorded his estimate of General Eisenhower, who was then in the White House: "There is only one possible word to describe his purpose and actions. That word is treason." Two pages later on there is another entry: "In my opinion the chances are very strong that Milton Eisenhower is actually Dwight Eisenhower's superior and boss within the Communist party."

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# Birch Backed By Solon

## Says Pro-Reds Try Smear

WASHINGTON (AP) — A congressman called congressional attacks on the rightist John Birch Society Friday part of a "pro-Communist smear." The congressman, Rep. Edgar W. Hiestand, R-Calif., is a member.

Despite Hiestand's description of the critics, criticism continued to mount against the society whose founder once said former President Dwight D. Eisenhower was "a dedicated, conscious agent of the Communist conspiracy."

And a spokesman for the Justice Department said the society's activities have become "a matter of concern to the Justice Department."

### HOOVER STATEMENT

In addition, FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover published a state-dedicated anti-Communists" with ment that implied criticism of the not more than 2 per cent possible extremists.

Although some congressmen have called for investigations by the House Committee on Un-American Activities, the Senate Internal Security subcommittee on the Senate Government Operations Committee, the chairman of all three bodies indicated they had no plans to investigate the society.

The society was founded in 1954 by Robert H. W. Welch Jr., 61 retired Massachusetts candy manufacturer.

Welch proclaims the destruction of communism as one of his aims. The society takes its name from a Baptist missionary killed by Communists in China 10 days after the close of World War II.



Rep. Hiestand

The death of Birch, Welch says, was "the first casualty in the third world war between the Communists and the ever-shrinking, free world."

### WOULD IMPEACH WARREN

In recent weeks, the society has stirred much criticism in Congress by attacking such senators as Milton D. Young, R-N.D., and Thomas H. Kuchel, R-Calif., and by circulating a petition calling for the impeachment of Chief Justice Earl Warren.

The criticism induced Hiestand to call a news conference Friday and declare: "My advice is for people not to sound off before they have all the facts."

Hiestand described society members as "violent, emphatic, dedicated anti-Communists" with ment that implied criticism of the not more than 2 per cent possible extremists.

He said criticism of the group by congressmen, other public figures and newspapers was part of a "pro-Communist smear" and was proof that the society has been successful in fighting communism.

### NO NAMES GIVEN

He said he could not identify any Communist among those criticizing the society.

"But they are in the background of the smear," he said.

Hiestand, who conferred with Welch by telephone before talking

to newsmen, said he did not agree with the founder's ideas about Eisenhower and Warren.

But, Hiestand continued, Welch's remarks about Eisenhower had "been made several years ago and were taken out of context" by critics of the society.

Some of the remarks in question were made by Welch in a book, "The Politician," which Welch has circulated to a few leaders of the society.

In the book, Welch, while discussing Eisenhower, uses these words:

"But my firm belief that Dwight Eisenhower is a dedicated, conscious agent of the Communist conspiracy is based on an accumulation of detailed evidence so extensive and so palpable that it seems to me to put this conviction beyond any reasonable doubt."

### TRUMAN INCLUDED

Welch also listed former Presidents Harry S. Truman and Franklin D. Roosevelt, and the late Secretary of State John Foster Dulles as tools of communism.

Hiestand told newsmen that, while he disagrees with some of Welch's views, "I choose to stay because the society as a whole is a 98 per cent dedicated anti-Communist group."

"To me," he continued, "it

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would seem to have a better chance of successful achievement than any of the other sound and fine patriotic groups of which I know."

Hiestand said a fellow California Republican, Rep. John Rousselot, was active in the society. Hiestand added he was quite sure other congressmen belonged.

In reply to questions, Hiestand said he didn't know how many members or chapters the society had, but he did know the goal was 100,000 members this year.

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Hiestand also said the society was not a secret one but the identity of members was kept confidential to protect them from possible persecution and attack.

The Justice Department spokesman refused to go beyond a brief statement that the society was "a matter of concern." There was no direct comment from Atty. Gen. Robert F. Kennedy, brother of the President.

But Hoover, whose FBI is a branch of the department, spoke out against "reckless charges" and "vigilante action" in a signed editorial in the FBI Law Enforcement Bulletin.

"The job of curtailing and containing communism is one for legally constituted authorities with the steadfast cooperation of every loyal citizen," Hoover said.

"This is neither the time for inaction nor vigilante action."

FBI spokesman declined to say whether Hoover had the John Birch Society in mind.

## Group's Leader Assailed

# Congressmen Urge Birch Society Probe

WASHINGTON (AP)—The John Birch Society, a conservative anti-Communist organization, has become "a matter of concern to the attorney general," a Justice Department spokesman said today.

Asked if the department planned any action, the spokesman said, "A growing number of inquiries which the Justice Department has received about the John Birch Society has made it a matter of concern to the attorney general." He declined to go beyond that brief statement.

There was no direct comment from Atty. Gen. Robert F. Kennedy, brother of the President.

Members of both the House and Senate denounced the organization Thursday and called for investigations of its leaders. Several senators have been attacked in letter writing campaigns by society members.

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The most caustic criticism centered around the society's founder, Robert Welch, who is said to have called former President Dwight D. Eisenhower and others Communists.

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The Birch society was founded in 1948 by Welch, a retired candy manufacturer from Belmont, Mass. It has active chapters in almost part of the country. The so-



REP. EDGAR HIESTAND

ciety is named for a Baptist missionary who served as an Army intelligence officer in the Far East in World War II. The society says Birch was killed by Chinese Communists 10 days after the end of the war.

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A House member, Rep. Edgar W. Hiestand, R-Calif., acknowledged that he is a member of the Birch society.

Hiestand said, "I don't endorse everything the society stands for, but the big 98 per cent of its program is intense patriotism and anti-communism."

He said he would welcome an investigation of it.

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Hiestand said he didn't agree with Welch's view that Chief Justice Warren should be impeached.

Hiestand also said some of the charges against Eisenhower and others "were taken out of context. They were made by the founder (Welch) some years ago, before the society was founded, in a circular letter that was not for general distribution and was supposed to be confidential."

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**'Won't Plead Fifth'**

## Birch Society Invites Probe

BELMONT, Mass. (AP) — Robert Welch, founder of the controversial John Birch Society, disclosed Saturday he has asked the Senate Internal Security subcommittee to investigate the organization.

Welch's secretary made public a night letter which was wired Friday night to Sen. James O. Eastland, D-Miss., subcommittee chairman.

In it Welch promised "none of our members will plead the Fifth Amendment" and asserted the society's "only 'crime'" is fighting communism."

The telegram was made public some 24 hours after Welch said he never had called President Eisenhower a "card-carrying Communist."

The denial came as criticism of the rightist society mounted following disclosure Welch had written that Eisenhower was a "dedicated, conscious agent of the Communist conspiracy."

Welch, in a privately published book, also criticized Milton Eisenhower, brother of the former president and called former Presidents Harry S. Truman and Franklin D. Roosevelt and the late Secretary of State John Foster Dulles as "tools of Communism."

### CRITICISM MOUNTS

Welch said in his wire to Eastland: "Because of the charges now being so widely circulated about us, some of which are ex-

treme distortions of fact, and many of which are sheer fabrications, the John Birch Society respectfully requests an official investigation by the Senate Internal Security subcommittee of which you are chairman."

"In the course of such an investigation we hope to be able to present to your committee, and through your committee to the American people, the simple truth about the John Birch Society."

### ACTIVITIES STUDIED

In Washington Friday, a spokesman for the Department of Justice said the society's activities have become "a matter of concern" to that government agency.

J. Edgar Hoover, FBI director, also published a statement implying criticism of the society.

Some congressmen have urged investigations by the House Committee on Un-American Activities, the Senate Internal Security subcommittee, and the Senate Government Operations Committee.

However, chairmen of these

committees indicated they had no plans for such action.

And one congressman, Rep. Edgar W. Hiestand, R-Calif., a Birch Society member, tagged attacks on the organization a "pro-Communist smear."

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## Personality in the News

# N.C. Native Full-Time Red Foe

By CORNELIUS F. HURLEY

BELMONT, Mass. (AP)—The founder of the John Birch Society—the ultra rightist organization under fire from many quarters—works in a panelled first floor office of a red brick building near the business center of this prosperous Boston suburb.

Robert Welch, 61, gray and balding, retired from his vast candy making business in 1957 to devote full time to fighting communism.

His office is big, with wall-to-wall carpeting. His desk is at one end with two side chairs. At the other is a leather divan.

One wall is mostly covered with shelves of books—predominantly anti-Communist, political, and economic. The opposite wall has windows overlooking the loading platform of Belmont's post office, of which the society has become the biggest single patron.

Welch is voluble. He says himself he "will climb on a soapbox to argue against the evils of socialism whenever anybody will listen."

Born in Chowan County, N. C., Welch was educated at the University of North Carolina, went to the U. S. Naval Academy for two years, and Harvard Law School for two. His own biography says he spent 40 years in "the school of hard knocks."

In one of his rare interviews he insisted his only aim in fostering the John Birch Society is to fight communism but he answers many questions on the organization by sending for one or another of the society's numerous bulletins, pamphlets, or other publications.

His regular publications are monthly bulletins sent to society members, and the monthly "American Opinion"—subscription \$5 a year.

The members get the bulletins, and a copy of the "Blue Book"—a 182 page, loose leaf book-sized bible of the society, in return for their dues. These are \$1,000 for a life membership; \$24 a year for men and \$12 a year for women.

Welch hotly denies that the society is a secret one, as some of his critics have charged.

But he won't disclose the names of members, except for a published list of "council" members, who presumably act as an advisory board.

Nor will he say how many members there are—except that the society has 25 "chapters" in Massachusetts, and is "strongest" in California, Texas, Arizona and Tennessee.

How big is a chapter?

"We try to keep them to 10 to 20 members, but sometimes they are bigger. We had one in Connecticut that grew to 44 before we got them to split. They have five there now," he said. He did not identify the community.

Welch said the society doesn't want any publicity. But one of his publications urges members to use every means possible to get the society's cause across.

Welch was a member of the board of directors of the National Association of Manufacturers for seven years, and also was a regional vice president of the NAM for three years. He has been active in community affairs as well. He once served on the Belmont School Committee, and in 1950 was an unsuccessful candidate for nomination for lieutenant governor of Massachusetts as a Republican.

He is married and has two sons.

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## Army Bares Record

# Birch Death Riddle Remains Unsolved

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Army made public Tuesday extracts from the service record of Capt. John M. Birch, namesake of an ultra-rightist organization whose founder has called former President Dwight D. Eisenhower an agent of the Communist conspiracy.

The record shows Birch twice was decorated in part for behind-the-lines intelligence work in China during World War II.

While saying Birch was killed on Aug. 25, 1945—10 days after the war ended—the extract shed no light on statements by members of the Birch society that he was slain by Chinese Communists.

Robert Welch, the retired Massachusetts candy manufacturer who founded the Birch Society, has called Birch "the first casualty in the third world war between the Communists and the ever-shrinking free world."

### NO MENTION

The Army extract does not say how Birch was killed, or mention the Communists. It doesn't even say where he died, but an Army spokesman acknowledged it was in China.

Birch was a Baptist missionary who worked in China before the U.S. was with Japan and was commissioned in the Army Air Corps after the fighting began. He was 27 when he died.

His mother, Mrs. George S. Birch of Macon, Ga., has said the first official report received by Birch's family said he had been killed by stray bullets, but that it later was confirmed Birch was slain by the Chinese Communists.

### FACTS HIDDEN

Welch has contended the facts in the Birch case were suppressed for some time by what he called

pro-Communist groups in the United States.

Amos Melton of Fort Worth, Tex., who said he worked with Birch as an Air Force counterintelligence officer in China, said recently Birch was shot by the Communists while trying to execute orders to enter a Japanese headquarters after the war and seize maps of air field and other installations.

On the other hand, Joseph Sample of Billings, Mont., who said he served in the same Office of Strategic Service detachment in North China to which Birch was assigned, said a team led by Birch was met by the Communists who demanded an explanation, that Birch tried to bluff his way out of a difficult situation, that harsh words followed and that "in a fit of rage," the Chinese Communist commander shot Birch.

### OLDER REPORT

Sample said his version was based on an old report from a sergeant who was present.

One citation released by the Army was for the award of the Legion of Merit on July 17, 1944, and the other was for an Oak Leaf Cluster conferred posthumously on Jan. 8, 1946.

In awarding Birch the Legion of Merit, the Army praised him for "exceptionally meritorious achievement in the performance of outstanding services" while a liaison officer with Chinese forces in 1943.

"Capt. Birch," it said, "established and maintained contacts which resulted in the speedy relay of vital information, contributing materially to the effective support of Chinese ground efforts. American air units were able to work in close cooperation with those forces and destroy important targets."

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## Birch Society Probe Eyed By Senators

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Senate Internal Security Subcommittee will meet April 12 to decide whether it will investigate the John Birch Society.

Both critics and supporters of the right-wing group have urged a congressional probe to get the facts on its aims, activities and membership.

In other developments yesterday, the Army made public extracts from the service record of Capt. John M. Birch and Sen. Barry Goldwater, R-Ariz., said that some months ago he turned down an offer to become a member of the society's council.

Robert Welch, the society's founder, has called Birch "the first casualty in the Third World War between the Communists and the ever-shrinking Free World."

Birch was a Baptist missionary to China before World War II. He was commissioned in the Army Air Corps after the fighting began.

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# Cardinal Says Welch Is 'Fearless'

## But Decries Red Link to Eisenhower

NORTH EASTON, Mass. (AP)—Richard Cardinal Cushing of Boston says Robert Welch, founder and leader of the controversial John Birch Society, is a "very capable, fearless man who has made sacrifices to fight communism."

Nevertheless, anyone who charges former President Eisenhower with Communist leanings is "speaking absurdities," the Cardinal said in a speech last night.

"Anyone who is fighting communism today on a top level and who knows the methods and teaching of communism — that man is going to suffer," the Boston prelate said in an address to business and professional men Wednesday night.

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Demands recently have been made in Congress for an investigation of Welch and the society he heads, since disclosure of Welch letters in which he refers to former Presidents Harry S. Truman and Dwight D. Eisenhower as tools of communism.

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**CARDINAL SPEAKS ON THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY** — Richard Cardinal Cushing, head of the Roman Catholic diocese of Boston, adjusted his collar as he expressed his views on Robert Welch, founder of John Birch Society, Wednesday night. In his talk the Prelate termed Welch as 'worthy of support as a dedicated foe of communism' but added that anyone who charges former President Eisenhower with Communist leanings is 'speaking absurdities.' Welch has been accused of making these charges. Related story on Page One, Section Two. (AP Wirephoto)

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## As Birch Society Members

# Fighting Commies, Norfolk Men Say

By WAYNE WOODLIEF

NORFOLK — A former Army staff sergeant and a National Guard colonel are fighting the "cold war against communism" as Norfolk members of the John Birch Society.

Col. James G. Martin IV, an attorney and chief of staff of the Virginia National Guard's 29th Division, calls himself "a private in the rear ranks" of the Birch society, which has drawn criticism in the national press as a secret group with vigilante tendencies.

"We're not a secret organization," Martin said today, "but conceding this is part of the cold war on the local front, the enemy (the Communists) would gain from knowing our strength."

Martin is an at-large member of the national group, which was founded by a Belmont, Mass. conservative, candy manufacturer, Robert Welch Jr., and takes its name from a twice-decorated American Army captain reportedly killed by Chinese Communists at the close of World War II.

He has no official connection with the Norfolk chapter of the society, which is headed by George A. Dudley, a 30-year-old former paratrooper with the 82nd Airborne Division.

Dudley won't reveal names nor number of John Birchers in Norfolk, but he said today, "We bring in people who from their past experience are considered patriotic Americans."

He defined "patriotic Americans" as those who believe in a less central government and in "cleaning up the various federal agencies."

"We have reason to believe

there are Communists within the federal agencies," Dudley said.

He cited various books on the society's approved reading list which describe "what's going on in our State Department."

Dudley said the local John Birch chapter includes business and professional men "as well as mechanics and the like." The members range in age from about 30 to 50, he said, but he claimed the society hopes soon to recruit young people.

Dudley is a service manager at the W. I. McKendree Co., which handles office equipment. His employer, McKendree, is president of Norfolk chapter of the Defenders of State Sovereignty and Individual Liberties and a member of the John Birch local.

"There's overlapping, naturally," between the Defenders and the John Birch group, McKendree said. He said both are "pro-American groups" concerned with maintenance of states' rights and rooting out of Communists.

Some syndicated editorial writers have likened the John Birch Society to Hitler's Nazi party in its infancy. Dudley said there is nothing "black shirt" about the group.

"We're militarily designed—that is, we're a monolithic organization with a chain of command starting with Mr. Welch," Dudley said. "But we believe in due process of law, and no member is bound to do anything against his religious or moral beliefs."

Dudley said he knows of no religious or racial restriction on John Birch membership. He said there are no Negroes nor

Jews in the local chapter, but "We have some very strong Catholics."

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The projects for local John Birch chapters come down from Welch's national council in monthly bulletins. The society's current goals call for a drive to impeach Supreme Court Chief Justice Earl Warren.

Neither Martin nor Dudley uphold statements attributed to Welch that Gen. Eisenhower was "a dedicated conscious agent of the Communist conspiracy." Dudley thinks Welch was misinterpreted. Dudley believes Eisenhower may have been a dupe for the Communists.

"If Welch did say that," Martin declared, "not one per cent of our members would agree with it."



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# Humor Seen in Birch

By DON IRWIN

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WASHINGTON — Atty. Gen. Robert F. Kennedy ventured Thursday what could have been a hint to prospective congressional investigators of the John Birch Society:

"They're ridiculous and I don't think anybody should pay much attention to them," Kennedy said, answering a new conference question about the militantly anti-Communist society.

"They make no contribution; in my estimation, to the fight against communism in the United States. If anything, they're a hindrance. It's an organization that's in the area of being humorous."

Kennedy was reminded that a Justice Department spokesman had voiced departmental "concern" about the society following congressional protests last week about its rightwing pressure tactics. A reporter asked whether he saw any need for an investigation.

## NO VIOLATION

"Nothing has been brought to my attention that they have violated any federal law," Kennedy

replied. He pointed out that any group is free to advocate anything it wishes, within the limitations of the libel laws, provided it isn't controlled by a foreign power and doesn't advocate forceful overthrow of the government. There is no evidence, he said, of any such control, or any such advocacy.

The attorney general's comments came as the Senate Internal Security subcommittee prepared to meet next Wednesday to decide whether it should act on demands by some senators that the society be investigated.

There were indications of senatorial misgivings that the result of any inquiry would be mainly to publicize the society. One school of thought holds that if it is investigated, it should be dealt with as part of a general inquiry into extremist groups, including the Black Muslims and the American Nazi party.

## TOLERATE NUTS

While subcommittee members avoided public comments, advice to go slow came from Sen. Philip A. Hart, D-Mich., a member of the Judiciary Committee, parent

of the subcommittee.

"Congress has to be tolerant of lots of nuts," Hart told a news conference. He warned there is danger that the result of congressional investigations may be that "someone may fear to express a view that is unpopular."

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Free To Disagree

# 'Crime' of Birch Followers Is That They Organized

By GEORGE E. SOKOLSKY  
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I think that I wrote the first article (January 1) calling attention to the John Birch Society. Since then there has been a plethora of discussion, some competent, some absurd. Let us analyze the position with some objectivity:

Any American citizen is free to organize an association or express his ideas and to advocate his purposes. This is guaranteed in the Constitution. However, no organization may be established to commit crime like the Mafia, or to sell narcotics or overthrow the government of the United States by force and violence.

No accusations have been made against the John Birch Society which brings it within these categories. The worst crime this Society is accused of having committed is that it is to the right of Louis XIV. But is it a crime to ask whether these days bring more contentment than those?

I disagree with the John Birch Society's campaign to impeach the Chief Justice, Earl Warren. I wrote that it is both strategically and tactically unsound and received a whale of a mail, couched in identical language, pitying me for being so wrong. If an organization wishes to have its members write letters to public men, who can say them nay. The public men do not have to read the letters; they may weigh them on

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scales to see how many pounds of mail came from this one group.

There is no law which forbids citizens to organize to have an official impeached by due process of the law. It is possible to believe that those citizens are incorrect in their views and to say so. But neither side to the controversy commits a crime by being controversial. As a matter of fact, this country would be improved if more of us were controversial. We are not suffering from objecting too much; we are suffering from too much conformity.

Robert Welch, Jr., who is the founder of the John Birch Society, is opposed to Communism and believes that it is sound to fight fire with fire. Most fire departments prefer to fight first with water or with chemicals. Welch organized as he thinks the Communists organize, namely by arranging for small cells, often unknown to each other. Communists do not organize that way at all.

It is the Soviet espionage organizations that are organized that way. No one can question Welch's sincerity or his desire to serve his country. How deeply he has studied Hegel, Darwin, Marx, Engels, Lenin, Bukharin, Bernstein, and the history of the 19th century, I do not know. He jumps at conclu-

sions often based on misapplication of terms. But none of this is as criminal as the treason of the Communists and many of their fellow-travellers. Bob Welch may not understand all the deviations and revisions of the Social Democratic movement or the synthesis that Marx produced of Darwin, Huxley, Hegel, Feuerbach and Bakunin.

It is not sound to believe that everyone who disagrees, in 1961, after two world wars and a universal depression, with the economics of Mark Hanna is a Communist. As a matter of fact, Conservatives who are firm believers, for instance, in the free market, cannot find one upon the face of the Earth.

Nevertheless, a man has the right, in this country, to organize an association which recognizes the status quo ante bellum as preferable, just as an architect may organize a society to prefer Michelangelo to Lloyd Wright or as a musician might organize a society to advocate Stravinsky in preference to Wagner.

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## **Birch Society Founder**

# **Cardinal Backs Welch**

NORTH EASTON, Mass. (AP)—Richard Cardinal Cushing said Wednesday night Robert Welch, founder of the John Birch Society, an Ultra-rightist organization, should be supported as a dedicated foe of Communism.

Speaking at a Stonehill College dinner attended by 300 business and professional men in the area, Cardinal Cushing said he has known Welch many years.

"Anyone who is fighting Communism today on a top level and who knows the methods and teaching of Communism—that man is going to suffer," the cardinal said, in an obvious reference to recent demands in Congress for an investigation of Welch and the John Birch group.

The cardinal said the Commu-

nist nations recently issued a manifesto directing Communists all over the world to attack anti-Communist societies.

"Ever since then every anti-Communist group has been attacked," he said.

One of Welch's pamphlets, issued from his office in Belmont, contains a reproduction of a letter from Cardinal Cushing to C. M. Crawford of Los Angeles, apparently replying to an earlier inquiry.

Dated April 28, 1960, the cardinal's letter said he did "not know of any more dedicated anti-Communist in the country than Robert Welch."

"I unhesitatingly recommend him to you and endorse his John Birch Society," the letter said.

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# John Birch Member Says Criticism Was Expected

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By GLENN SCOTT

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NORFOLK — Col. James G. Martin IV said Wednesday that John Birch Society members have been expecting the spate of criticism and publicity now focused on the society.

Martin, an attorney and chief of staff of Virginia National Guard's 29th Division, is a John Birch member.

"I think the current newspaper publicity is something we have been anticipating for sometime," he said. "We knew it would happen when the society became large enough and we made an impression on the enemy."

The enemy is Communism.

Martin consented to an interview about the society, but said he wanted it understood he spoke as an individual and not as an official in the organization.

He said his role is that of "a private in the back ranks."

Martin is a member-at-large of the John Birch Society, unaffiliated with any chapter. He said he became a member two years ago at the invitation of Robert H. W. Welch Jr., the society's founder.

The John Birch Society was born in Indianapolis, Ind., on Dec. 9, 1958, during a two-day meeting called by Welch, a former candy manufacturer who was born in North Carolina and now lives in Belmont, Mass. Welch had invited 11 men to the session to discuss creation of an organization to combat Communism.

## MANY CHAPTERS

Today the society has one to 100 chapters in each of 34 states and the District of Columbia, the

61-year-old Welch said recently. It has at least one chapter in Norfolk.

John Birch was a young Fundamental Baptist missionary from Georgia who served as an intelligence officer in China during World War II and was killed 10 days after V-J Day, supposedly by Chinese Communists.

Welch memorialized Birch as "the first victim of World War III."

Leader of the Norfolk chapter is George A. Dudley, 30, a tattooed former 82nd Airborne Division paratrooper who now works as an office machinery repairman for W. I. McKendree Co.

## TELLS PURPOSES

Dudley also was present for the interview to explain the society's purposes and methods.

The society is a militantly anti-Communist group ruled — as one of its high officials confirms — in authoritarian fashion by Welch. Its influence is strongest in the Southwest and Southern California, reports the Christian Science Monitor.

The ultra-conservative organization — it is being called "radical" in some quarters — seeks to achieve its aims primarily through "front" organizations and letter-writing campaigns directed from its headquarters in Belmont.

These methods are necessary, its leaders contend, because of the extent of Communist infiltration of American institutions. Critics have said the society sows seeds of distrust among the people.

It has been called a secret so-

ciety. Martin, Dudley and Welch say it is, not. The society is reluctant to disclose its numbers and the names of members. Martin explained why:

"The overall movement would be injured if full membership was disclosed," he said. The enemy must be guessing as to the society's members.

Much of the criticism of the society has resulted from a 268-page letter written by Welch in 1955 and circulated among an undisclosed list of friends.

In the confidential letter Welch called President Dwight D. Eisenhower "a dedicated, conscious agent of the Communist conspiracy." In the document, Welch characterized John Foster Dulles, Allen Dulles, Milton Eisenhower

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and some other high government officials of being either Communist agents or dupes."

The letter, dubbed "The Politician," ante-dates the formation of the society and is not of its documents. In a press conference last week Welch said the statement about Eisenhower was "in the blunt language of a personal letter."

#### MARTIN'S VIEW

He said elsewhere that groups trying to smear the society "are making completely unethical use" of the letter.

Leader Dudley and Martin disagree with a characterization of Eisenhower as a "dedicated . . . agent of the Communist conspiracy," and neither has seen a copy of "The Politician."

"If (Welch) did say it," Martin commented, "not more than 1 per cent (of John Birch Society members) would agree with it."

"After all, members of the society are not people coming out of the woodwork. They are normal human beings."

Besides, Martin said, "If you don't agree with brother Welch (on certain matters) you don't have to do it."

And Dudley, a Presbyterian and father of two children, said: "There is no requirement in the society to go along with everything the society does. . . . A member doesn't have to follow to the letter anything against his moral or Christian belief."

Although dissent is permitted, Martin said the society "is not a democratic organization in that it has a chain of command and chapter presidents are appointed, not elected."

A congressional investigation of the society, which Welch said he would welcome, has been suggested. Two California congressmen have disclosed their Birch membership.

Dudley said the chapter which he leads was formed about five months ago after he was invited

to view a film narrated by Welch and presented by one of the society's "coordinators" — 30 of whom are salaried, 100 or whom are volunteers.

Dudley, who said he belongs to no other group like the society, recalled that he was "very impressed" with the evening's program.

His chapter meets monthly, unless something special comes up, Dudley said. The members discuss the monthly bulletin from Belmont and report on projects they have been directed to undertake.

#### SOCIETY PROGRAM

One of the current projects—the one receiving the most attention—is a move to impeach Supreme Court Chief Justice Earl Warren.

In the April bulletin, members are asked to urge their friends to read "Nine Men Against America," a study of the Supreme Court by Rosalie Gordon. It was reprinted in "American Opinion," a Welch periodical.

The members also were urged:

- To increase showings of the films "Operation Abolition" (about the riots in San Francisco during hearings held by the House Un-American Activities Committee) and "Communism on the Map."

- To read a book on the society's "approved list." (The list includes works by, among others, authors Whittaker Chambers, William F. Buckley Jr., Freda Utey, Welch and FBI director J. Edgar Hoover).

- To help recruit new members.

Dudley said the recent showings here of "Operation Abolition" were not sponsored by the John Birchers but "by other groups," one of which was the Defenders of States Sovereignty and Individual Liberties.

The film, made from television shots of the San Francisco riots, shows a "Communist technique" of crowd manipulation for the purpose of abolishing the Un-American Activities committee, Martin said.

Martin said that what led him to join the John Birch Society was his conviction, born of independent study and a two-week defense strategy seminar at the National War College, that "the Communist takeover of the world is not going to be a military war."

He said the Communists "don't

need a military war because their process of cold war subversion of American institutions has placed them on the threshold of taking over without firing a shot."

#### RED TIMETABLE

He said the Communist timetable calls for the triumph over America "100 months from first of November 1960."

During the closed-school crisis in Norfolk in 1958, Martin, then an official of the Tidewater Education Foundation, attributed the Negro campaign for desegregation to the machinations of "the master scientists of the Soviet Union."

Martin said the ultimate aim of John Birchers is "less government, more individual responsibility, a better world."

But the Communist menace must be disposed of first, he said.

Martin expressed his belief that Welch "is one of the outstanding experts on communism in the world."

He said the National War College seminar speakers and the John Birch Society agree in "essence" in their assessment of the extent of Communist subversion of American institutions—"government . . . the clergy, press, profession of education, labor unions and many others."

Martin said he is "proud to be a member of the society."

"It gives the citizen something he can do (about the Communist conspiracy) rather than sitting around in despair," he asserted.

Dudley was asked if he concurred in that opinion.

"Very much so," he said.



James G. Martin IV



For Red Take-Over

# War's Not Needed, Robert Welch Says

By RAYMOND HOLBROOK

DALLAS, Tex. (AP) — Robert Welch told a mind-and-ermine crowd of 1,200 Sunday night that the Soviet Union has no reason to start a war with the United States because this country could be taken "without a single shot" by Communist infiltration.

The founder of the controversial John Birch Society, speaking from a copyright text, renewed charges made earlier that the Communists have had a hand in every major U.S. decision since 1946.

He told an audience made up largely of residents from a fashionable North Dallas-Park Cities area, a conservative stronghold, that the Reds operate on "the principal of reversal" by using slogans that bring an opposite result and replace good with evil.

"By the 'liberation' of a country, such as Cuba, Communists

mean the imposing on Cuba of a tyrannical Communist dictatorship," he said. "The whole foreign aid program is an example. For years we have been taken steadily down the road to communism by steps supposedly designed, and presented to the American people as ways of fighting communism."

Welch asserted the Communists helped devise slogans that won a third term for the late President Franklin D. Roosevelt and prevented the nomination of the late Sen. Robert A. Taft at the 1952 Republican convention.

"Had Taft been nominated, he would have won by an overwhelming majority and he would have set communism back a whole generation," he told his applauding audience.

Welch also scored critics of the late Sen. Joseph McCarthy, saying "there was nothing wrong with McCarthy's methods from the viewpoint of American patriots."

Welch refused to answer newsmen's questions but handed out mimeographed excerpts from his speech.

When photographers sought to take pictures of Welch after the speech, a Welch supporter poured a pitcher of ice water over a newsreel man. Another Welch fan pushed around a newsreel man's camera, and snapped wires to the sound unit.

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# Applause and Jeers In Welch Reaction

SANTA BARBARA, Calif. (AP) — Applause liberally sprinkled with boos and hisses greeted a speech Wednesday night by Robert Welch, head of the right-wing John Birch Society.

A crowd of 1,100 — many heckling—jammed a high school auditorium as Welch gave essentially the same speech he had delivered to applause and cheers in Los Angeles the evening before. His theme: Communists and Communist sympathizers are infiltrating the government and Protestant ministry.

After the speech Welch held a question and answer session that he cut short when a college student began asking questions from the floor. Welch said he did not wish to turn the evening into a debate.

Welch, founder of the society which describes itself as militantly anti-Communist, was interrupted by applause 16 times. But there were also hisses and boos from a group of college students.

They were especially noisy when Welch attacked Chief Justice Earl Warren and when he reminded his audience that the Birch society has "been officially and publicly endorsed by (Richard J.) Cardinal Cushing; (Cushing, Roman Catholic prelate from Boston; recently endorsed the society's goals.)"

In the question and answer ses-

sion, the chairman handed Welch a written inquiry: "Why do you use tactics of the Communists in fighting communism?"

Welch said he'd like to have the questioner tell how he used such tactics. Charles Porter, 21, at the Santa Barbara campus of the University of California, stood up in the audience and asked: "Do you use front organizations?"

"Yes," replied Welch.

"Do you advocate infiltrating the PTA's?" Porter asked.

"Yes," Welch replied.

"Do you advocate distributing anti-Semitic literature?" Porter asked.

Welch stopped his questioner and said he was ranging too far afield. Then Welch went back to the question of "fronts" and said: "There is nothing amoral about fronts. What may be immoral is the purpose of the fronts."

When Porter tried to interrupt, Welch cut him off and said he didn't wish to get into a debate.

Welch also explained his opposition to Chief Justice Warren: "I don't like him. He has taken the lead in the long, continued effort to convert this republic into a democracy."

He said the Founding Fathers established this country as a representative republic, not a democracy—which he characterized as mob rule.

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## Ministers 'Smeared'

# Senators Rap Birch Again

WASHINGTON (AP)—The head of the John Birch Society was denounced in Congress again Wednesday this time for labeling 7,000 American Protestant ministers as Communists or Communist sympathizers.

The denouncement of Robert Welch by Sen. Gale W. McGee, D-Wyo., came as Sen. Jacob K. Javits, R-N.Y., renewed a call for a congressional investigation of the society.

The Senate Internal Security subcommittee discussed the question of an investigation and deferred a decision. More study was needed, said the chairman, Sen. James O. Eastland, D-Miss.

McGee told the Senate Welch's remarks about American Protestant ministers was "another of the kind of reckless slurs and smears this man and his society are visiting on respected segments."

"Nothing could be more ridiculous," McGee said. "Nothing could suit the Communist purpose more than these charges."

In Los Angeles Tuesday night Welch, a retired Boston candy manufacturer who founded the John Birch Society in 1958, told an audience of 6,000 in the Shrine Auditorium:

"Protestant ministers do not become Communists — but Communists do become Protestant ministers . . .

"There are about 200,000 ministers, and only about 7,000 of them could be called Comsymps."

He defined a Comsymp as a "Communist or a sympathizer with Communist purposes," and he added:

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"Nobody is accusing the other 97 per cent of anything except

the gullibility and apathy with which Americans as a whole are afflicted."

Welch first aroused the ire of several congressmen when news accounts revealed he had once written a book in which he described former President Dwight D. Eisenhower as "a dedicated, conscious agent of the Communist conspiracy."

McGee said Welch's statements "raise serious questions about the motive of this man and his society."

The senator said the society comprises "twisted, distorted, sick people." They are afraid of America and see Communist conspirators all about them, McGee said.

Sen. Milton R. Young, R-N.D., one of the first senators to condemn the militant rightist society, told the Senate he had received many letters attacking him for

his criticism of Welch and the society.

"According to them," Young said, "If you criticize the Birch society you are assumed to be some kind of Communist or Communist dupe."

Young added that many members of the society don't seem to believe that Welch actually wrote a book attacking Eisenhower.

To enlighten them, Young said, he would insert 13 pages of the book into the Congressional Record. In these pages, Young said, Welch attacked Eisenhower, his brother Milton Eisenhower, and the late Secretary of State John Foster Dulles.

Javits told Young he hated to see the society get that much publicity. Then Javits added he hoped Congress would probe the society's activities.

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# Income Accounting By Birchers Asked

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sen. Kenneth B. Keating, R-N.Y., wants the Senate to decide whether the John Birch Society should be required to account for "A potential income of over \$18 million per year."

Keating, a member of the Senate Internal Security subcommittee, said either that group or a specially created select Senate committee also should determine whether the militantly conservative society is resorting to "harassment and economic blackmail" against its critics.

## JURISDICTION DEBATED

The Internal Security subcommittee is considering whether it has jurisdiction to investigate the society founded by Robert Welch, retired Belmon, Mass., candy manufacturer. Welch himself has requested an investigation by that subcommittee.

Sen. Norris Cotton, R-N.H., another subcommittee member, disagreed with Keating. He said he didn't think the Internal Secur-

ity unit had jurisdiction and saw no reason at this time for an investigation by any other congressional committee.

He told a reporter he doesn't believe the subcommittee should furnish "a publicity forum for those who desire to be investigated and wish to publicize their aims and purposes."

Keating, in a program recorded for television and radio stations in New York, said that all Americans must be alert to the "menace of communism," which the society is pledged to fight.

"The fact is, however," the senator said, "that extremist organizations often do more harm than good in the fight against communism."

Keating said the John Birch Society claims chapters in 35 states and has a goal of one million members.

"Under its dues schedule," the senator added, "it has a potential income of over \$18 million per year. Yet it is alleged that the society makes no accounting of its funds to its membership."

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**Rep. George M. Rhodes**

## **Birch Group Threat, Says ITU Speaker**

NORFOLK—The John Birch Society aims at the repeal of all social legislation passed in the last 100 years, members of the International Typographical Union were told here.

Rep. George M. Rhodes, D-Pa., speaking Sunday to about 300 ITU members and their guests at the 41st Virginia-Carolina Typographical Conference, said the Birch Society is set up like a Communist or Fascist front organization.

Rhodes, an ITU member for 43 years, charged that many business groups are front organizations intended to thwart the aims of labor unions and block social reforms.

Frank Batten, publisher of the Ledger-Star and Virginian-Pilot also addressed the group and urged the printers to aid management in its stiffer competition with television, radio and magazines.

Rhodes told the ITU members that labor unions must take a more active part in politics to counter the pressure groups of big business.

The Pennsylvania Congressman said that industry uses "Madison Avenue" slogans to confuse the people about the real issues facing the nation.

Care for the aged, unemployment benefits and other welfare legislation help the entire nation, including business and industry, he said.

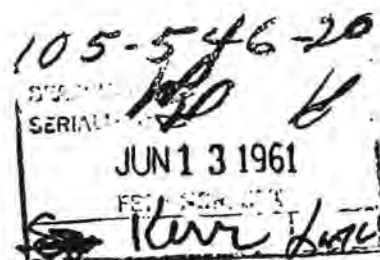
Kenneth Partlow, president of Norfolk Local 32, host for meeting, opened the two-day session and Norman Olitsky, Local 32 attorney, served as toastmaster.

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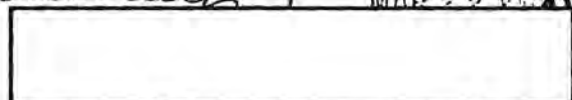
I am writing you in hopes that I might be able to maintain some information from you or that you may be able to tell me where I can quickly acquire information. It seems that all Senior Government classes in the state of Virginia have as one of their courses of study the subject of Communism. Therefore, I've been asked to write a term paper on a topic dealing with Communism. As my project, I've chosen Robert Welch and the John Birch Society. I hope to be able to bring into my paper the ways in which this society has either helped or hindered the American public. I would deeply appreciate any information that you can supply me. I'm sorry to have taken so much of your very valuable time. Thank you so very much.

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Dear [redacted]

This will acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated March 19, 1963, requesting information concerning communism.

Enclosed are three articles on the subject written by Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation, which have been disseminated through news media.

I will take this opportunity also to point out that Mr. Hoover has written several books and articles bearing on communism which are readily available in public libraries. These publications may be of help to you in your school project.

Please be advised that the information contained in the files of the Federal Bureau of Investigation is confidential, the disclosure of which to unauthorized persons or agencies is strictly prohibited based on Department of Justice and other United States Government regulations. I also would like to point out that the failure to furnish you the desired information on Robert Welch and the John Birch Society does not necessarily indicate this office does or does not possess information concerning the individual or the organization.

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I wish to thank you for your interest in  
inquiring of this office and regret that I cannot be  
of more help to you.

Very truly yours,

JOSEPH D. PURVIS  
Special Agent in Charge

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC, NORFOLK (105-546)

DATE: 7/23/63

FROM : SA HENRY A. WELKE

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SUBJECT: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY

On 7/3/63, [redacted] telephone [redacted] telephonically contacted the Norfolk Division and spoke with me.

She stated that [redacted] aged 30, residence [redacted] Chowan Drive Church of Christ, Portsmouth.

[redacted] explained that [redacted] is endeavoring to establish a chapter of the John Birch Society in Portsmouth. He is being assisted by one [redacted] from Weldon, N. C.

She stated that her husband, [redacted] is an elder in the church and vigorously opposes [redacted] actions relative to this society. [redacted] desired to know if the FBI could make any statement as to the John Birch Society or furnish any information concerning this organization, which would be useful to her husband in taking up the matter with the other church members so that the congregation as such could oppose [redacted] actions.

I tactfully explained to [redacted] that the files of the FBI are confidential and that we could make no recommendation whatsoever concerning the John Birch Society. I told her that I was certain that there must be a great deal of public source material available on the true Ready Reference Facilities at a public library.

[redacted] stated that she understood this and seemed appreciative.

On 7/3/63, [redacted] Ticket Sales, United Airlines, Norfolk, personally came to the Norfolk Office and spoke with me.

He stated that [redacted] age 30, [redacted] Chowan Drive Church of Christ had given [redacted] a pamphlet entitled "A businessman looks at Communism" which [redacted] stated

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apparently represents the views of the John Birch Society. [redacted] stated that [redacted] apparently is active in behalf of the John Birch Society. [redacted] wanted to know if we could furnish any information concerning the organization.

I explained to [redacted] that the files of the FBI are confidential and that I could make no recommendation concerning this organization. [redacted] seemed very anxious to find out something more about it and I suggested to him that he could possibly seek out public source material in a local library.

RECOMMENDATION

It is noted that the Navy recently found a letter to the Norfolk Division concerning [redacted] which had been noted to SA LEMUEL W. KERR.

It is suggested that this memorandum be routed to SA KERR for his information and no further action appears necessary.

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TO : SAC, NORFOLK (105-546)

DATE: 8/6/63

FROM : SA LEMUEL W. KERR

SUBJECT: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY  
INFORMATION CONCERNING

On 7/18/63, [redacted] Carpenters  
Local Union 303, AFL-CIO, Portsmouth, Virginia, advised  
that his Local had been renting the union hall to the Church  
of Christ congregation to hold church services. [redacted]  
[redacted]

He said recently the congregation had a meeting  
which was reportedly a meeting of the John Birch Society  
or had some connection with this organization.

[redacted] said he desired to let the FBI know that  
the reported meeting had no connection with his Local Union.

Recommendation: Submitted for information.

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**JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY  
INFORMATION CONCERNING**

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On 10/14/63, [redacted]

[redacted]  
[redacted] was interviewed in the Norfolk Office.  
[redacted]

He stated he came to the FBI pursuant to a request  
of [redacted]  
[redacted]

[redacted] stated that [redacted] told him that he has  
received some "communist" literature from a preacher who  
represents the John Birch Society.

[redacted] stated that [redacted] was requested by this  
preacher to publish information on the John Birch Society  
in his newspaper, but [redacted] hesitated to do so as he thought  
the literature was communistic in nature.

[redacted] stated that [redacted] thought there was some-  
thing sinister about the John Birch Society and people  
associated with it, and [redacted] was of the opinion that [redacted]  
life might be in danger if he refused to publish information  
contained in the literature.

[redacted] stated that [redacted] told him that he would  
appreciate if an FBI Agent would call on him for further  
details concerning the visit by this preacher.

It is noted that the file in this matter reflects  
that one [redacted] Chowan Drive Church  
of Christ, Portsmouth, has been active on behalf of the John  
Birch Society.

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In view of this, it is possible that [ ] is identical with [ ] who visited [ ]

RECOMMENDATION:

Open this case so [ ] may be contacted for any information of interest to us.

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TO : SAC, NORFOLK 105-546 -C-

DATE: 12/2/63

FROM : SA HENRY A. WELKE

SUBJECT: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY  
INFORMATION CONCERNING

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Re my memorandum dated 10/29/63.

[redacted] Norfolk Virginia,  
had suggested that an agent interview [redacted] who  
had some information concerning the JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY.

On 11/12/63, [redacted]  
[redacted] was contacted. He stated that until  
recently he was [redacted]  
He stated that [redacted] Church of  
Christ, Portsmouth, in 9/63, had approached him and asked  
[redacted] to print an advertisement calling for the impeachment  
of Supreme Court Justice EARL WARREN. [redacted] did not  
recall the identity of the organization desiring the  
advertisement be placed but stated that [redacted] said he was  
affiliated with the Birch Society.

[redacted] stated that he refused to print the  
advertisement, and [redacted] was very indignant. [redacted]  
subsequently returned a few days later and again insisted  
that [redacted] print the advertisement. [redacted] again refused,  
saying he did not desire to print an advertisement of  
this nature. [redacted] was again indignant and said that if  
[redacted] refused to print it, [redacted] would have more trouble  
in the future.

[redacted]

[redacted] related that he had told this information  
to [redacted] and that [redacted] was, perhaps, more concerned  
than he was. [redacted] considered [redacted] to be a crackpot.

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RECOMMENDATION:

No further investigation is indicated here, and the case should be closed.

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TO : SAC, NORFOLK (105-546)

DATE: 12/9/63

FROM : ASAC ROBERT V. HANCOCK

SUBJECT: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY

On 11/26/63 Mr. ~~LESTER SHIELDS~~ PARSONS, JR., former U.S. Attorney, Norfolk, Va., telephonically advised that his father, LESTER S. PARSONS, SR., has from time to time received correspondence from captioned organization and recently got a package containing a book concerning this organization. He advised that this correspondence was addressed to his father (now deceased) at the Board of Trade Building, an address where his father's law offices were located some four years ago. Mr. PARSONS advised that he desired to go on record as not subscribing to any of the literature from captioned organization, and that it was his intention to immediately return it to the sender.

I told him I would make a note of such in our records.

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC, NORFOLK (105-546)

DATE: 8/7/64

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

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SUBJECT: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY  
INFORMATION CONCERNING

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On 8/7/64, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] appeared at the Norfolk Office and stated he had been an employee of the Identification Division in Washington, D. C., for about 25 months and had resigned to return to Norfolk in order that he might attend Old Dominion College. He said that he was presently employed by [REDACTED]

He said that after he had been employed by [REDACTED] he found out that he was a member of the John Birch Society and had been a member in the Defenders of States Rights and Individual Liberties.

[REDACTED] said that he had been invited to join the John Birch Society but not knowing the background of the society, decided to obtain the feelings of the FBI concerning the society as he might some day like to be re-employed by the FBI.

[REDACTED] was advised that the writer could not advise him whether to or not to join the organization but that he would be glad to accept any information he had concerning membership or activities of the organization in the Norfolk area. He indicated that he doubted seriously if he would join the organization.

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FROM: NORFOLK (157-5)

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AMERICAN NAZI PARTY, AKA, RM, OO RICHMOND.

[REDACTED] VIRGINIA BEACH, VA., ADVISED  
THAT HE WAS CONTACTED TODAY BY [REDACTED]  
NORFOLK, AND [REDACTED] INVITED HIM TO ATTEND A MEETING OF THE  
JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY AT SEVEN THIRTY PM AUGUST ONE THREE NEXT AT  
[REDACTED] NORFOLK, VA., WHERE GEORGE  
LINCOLN ROCKWELL IS SCHEDULED TO SPEAK. [REDACTED] DOES NOT DESIRE  
TO ATTEND.

NORFOLK P.D. AND INTC ALERTED. [REDACTED] HAS  
PLACE OF BUSINESS THAT ADDRESS. [REDACTED] AFFILIATED WITH DE-  
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SEGREGATIONIST GROUP.

RICHMOND CONTACT LOGICAL SOURCES FOR ANY ADDITIONAL DETAILS  
AND ADVISE NORFOLK.

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~~ADVISE OF ANY PERTINENT DEVELOPMENTS.~~

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Director, FBI

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On 10/2/64 [redacted]

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[redacted] telephone [redacted] home address [redacted]  
[redacted] telephone [redacted] personally contacted me in the Norfolk Office.  
[redacted] advised that he is the [redacted]  
[redacted] John Birch Society, and he produced a copy of a book  
entitled "None Dare Call It Treason" by JOHN A. STORMER. A  
copy of this book is enclosed for the information of the Bureau.

[redacted] advised that his local chapter of the John  
Birch Society has distributed many hundreds of copies of this  
publication, but that he has since heard that neither the book  
nor the author has been cleared by the FBI and if true, he would  
like to know so he can stop distribution.

He stated he had previously worked with the FBI in  
Milwaukee in 1946, claiming to have attended Communist Party  
meetings there for the FBI. He also said it is his desire to  
work with the FBI in any way possible. In this connection,  
a review of Norfolk files reveals that he had previously claimed  
to have worked with the FBI while in Memphis. Norfolk letter  
to Memphis 1/21/64 requested information regarding such cooperation,  
and by letter dated 3/25/64, Memphis advised Norfolk that [redacted]  
had contacted Memphis on 1/4/63. He told the Memphis Office  
he had been a Chief Petty Officer assigned to NAS, Millington,  
and had helped the FBI in Cleveland regarding communist  
activities. He expressed high regard for the FBI and its  
Director and asked questions as to qualifications and duties  
of a Special Agent. Neither the Memphis nor the Cleveland  
Offices indicated any cooperation extended to them by this  
individual.

With regard to John Birch Society activities  
in the Norfolk area, [redacted] said that [redacted]

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for the John Birch Society is [redacted] Richmond, Va. [redacted] said that when he personally came to the Norfolk area approximately a year ago, the John Birch Society had only one chapter and the remanent of another, but that their membership is now up approximately two thousand percent. He declined to say just what the strength of this organization is in this area at the present time.

Further review of Norfolk files reveals that on 3/17/64 [redacted] ONI, Norfolk, advised that [redacted]

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Request of Bureau - The Bureau is requested to review the enclosed publication and provide Norfolk an evaluation of this book [redacted] This evaluation will be strictly for the information of the Norfolk Office and will not be made available to [redacted]

[redacted] has been advised that we would have no comment regarding this publication or its author.

Milwaukee Office

Milwaukee Office will advise if [redacted] did, in fact, extend cooperation to Milwaukee in 1946, as claimed above.

Richmond Office (Information)

One copy of this communication is designated for Richmond, in view of information contained herein regarding [redacted] Richmond, Va., described as the [redacted] John Birch Society.

Norfolk Office

At Norfolk, Virginia - Will contact [redacted] ONI, Naval Base, who has previously advised [redacted] for any pertinent information of interest to the Norfolk Office regarding this individual.



DIRECTOR, FBI

10/12/64

SAC, NORFOLK [ ] (P)

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RESEARCH (CORRESPONDENCE AND TOURS)  
BUDED 10-13-64

Re Bureau airtel dated 10/8/64.

On 10/12/64, SA HENRY A. WELKE contacted [ ] Pursuant to Bureau instructions his letter to the Director was acknowledged. He was advised that the FBI is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and does not make evaluations nor draw conclusions concerning the character or integrity of any organization, publication, or individual. He was advised that our files are confidential and that he should not infer either that we do or do not have material in our files regarding the subject of his inquiry.

[ ] stated that he had no objection to furnishing the identity of the patient and her husband who reportedly made inquiry at the Office of Naval Intelligence (ONI). He identified the patient as [ ] Her husband is [ ] U. S. Navy.

[ ] stated that he had given [ ] the book None Dare Call It Treason, and added that in fact he had given the book to several other patients to read. After reading it, [ ] told him that she was so upset that she gave it to her husband who turned it over to ONI, Norfolk. [ ] claimed that ONI told her husband that [ ] is "an extremely dangerous person, a radical rightist, and is under surveillance by the FBI." [ ] stated that he advised [ ] a friend of his, concerning this. He stated that [ ] is a Chief Petty Officer, U. S. Navy, Norfolk. [ ] told [ ] that he [ ] had contacted ONI, Norfolk; that ONI told him that they had no record of [ ] contacting ONI in regard to [ ] further told [ ] that he

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had contacted the FBI, Norfolk, and that he was informed by the FBI that no investigation of [redacted] was being conducted.

[redacted] described [redacted] as an apprehensive type of individual. He stated that after [redacted] told him about his negative contact at ONI he, [redacted] is of the opinion that [redacted] may not actually have contacted ONI and further that if [redacted] did contact ONI, ONI made no comment to him about [redacted]

[redacted] stated that if the FBI desires to interview [redacted] he has no objection to the FBI's advising them about his, [redacted] conversation with [redacted]

[redacted] volunteered that he [redacted] is a member of the John Birch Society. The Doctor described himself as a staunchly loyal American citizen and that he sincerely feels that there is an intense conspiracy afoot to socialize and communize the United States. He feels that the best way to combat this is to "vote in the proper political candidates." He stated that he feels that the John Birch Society exemplifies his personal thinking in this regard.

[redacted] stated that after reading STORMER's book, he gave it to [redacted]

[redacted] She is also the wife of a Naval officer. She read the book and checked out a number of references in it and found them to be valid.

[redacted] further stated that after reading the book, he wrote to the Americans for Democratic Action (ADA). They sent him a pamphlet setting forth their aims as well as an application for membership. The Doctor stated that it was evident from the pamphlet that the ADA is an extremely "leftist" organization and that they are considering a plan for world socialism. The Doctor desired to know if he should return the application to the ADA with the purpose in mind of obtaining additional information concerning the ADA, which he would refer to the FBI. SA WELKE advised [redacted] that he would likewise not comment concerning the ADA and further that if the

RF [redacted]

Doctor desired to return the application, it would be a matter entirely within his judgment and that he should not act on behalf of this Bureau. The Doctor stated that the aims of the ADA are diametrically opposed to his thinking and he in no way could endorse such aims.

[redacted] concluded by stating that he has the utmost respect for the Director of the FBI and for the accomplishments of the Bureau.

The indices of the Norfolk Division contain no information identifiable with [redacted]

[redacted] and [redacted]

The attention of the Bureau is directed to Norfolk letter to the Bureau dated 10/5/64 entitled "RACIAL MATTERS." This sets forth that [redacted] who is an enlisted man, U. S. Navy, Norfolk, contacted the SAC, Norfolk, on 10/2/64, and furnished a copy of STORMER's book. [redacted] was advised that we would not comment regarding the publication or its author.

ONI, Norfolk, is presently conducting an investigation of [redacted] and will advise the Norfolk Division of the results thereof when completed.

#### Request of the Bureau

The Bureau is requested to advise as to whether [redacted] should be interviewed. If she is interviewed and she does persist in her statement attributed to ONI concerning [redacted] then her husband, [redacted] will be contacted. In the meantime, no further action is being taken by the Norfolk Division.

DIRECTOR, FBI [REDACTED]

10/20/64

SAC, NORFOLK [REDACTED] (c)

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Re Bureau airtel, 10/16/64.

Transmitted herewith are two copies of Norfolk letter to DIO, Norfolk, Va., dated 10/20/64, and two copies of LHM, same date, which were furnished to DIO.

This is to advise that the letter and LHM were furnished personally by SA HENRY A. WILKE, [REDACTED] DIO, Norfolk. It is noted that [REDACTED] DIO, Norfolk, coordinates a considerable portion of security investigations handled by DIO in this area, and the Norfolk Division has liaison with him on security matters.

[REDACTED] stated that he desired us to know that DIO, Norfolk, has never given any person or any Naval command information that the FBI has surveilled [REDACTED] and has never furnished characterizations concerning him to any sources whatsoever.

[REDACTED] further advised [REDACTED] U.S. Navy, are unknown to DIO.

He stated that [REDACTED] has never contacted DIO, and DIO has never furnished him any information. He stated that the allegation that DIO furnished him information that [REDACTED] is "an extremely dangerous person, a radical rightist, and is under surveillance by the FBI" is completely without foundation.

[REDACTED] made available for review a memorandum which he had prepared setting forth the results of a visit to DIO by [REDACTED] Chief Petty Officer, U.S. Navy, assigned Naval Air Station, Norfolk. This indicates that on 10/1/64, [REDACTED] advised DIO that he had heard that DIO is presently conducting an investigation of [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] and that the FBI had [REDACTED] under investigation.

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1- Norfolk [REDACTED] (105-546)  
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[ ] pointed out that he advised [ ] that DIO has no jurisdiction over the investigation of books and further that DIO was not in a position to comment on FBI investigations.

[ ] advised [ ] that he had several copies of this book and requested DIO's advice as to whether or not he should keep the book.

[ ] informed [ ] that his decision was strictly one he would have to make on his own since DIO is not in a position to pass judgment on such matters.

No further action is being taken by the Norfolk Division, and this matter is being considered closed.

420 U.S.P.O. and Court House  
Norfolk, Virginia 23510

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October 20, 1964

[REDACTED]  
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Dear [REDACTED]

Enclosed herewith is a memorandum dated October 20, 1964, pertaining to [REDACTED]

Your attention is invited to his allegations that some Naval personnel are making unauthorized comments and giving the impression that ONI files are in agreement with their statements. While this is a matter to be left entirely to the discretion of ONI, we would appreciate Naval personnel refraining from making any comments that this Bureau has [REDACTED] under surveillance. Your cooperation in this matter will be sincerely appreciated.

This is furnished for your information and should not be distributed to unauthorized persons or agencies.

Very truly yours,

  
JOSEPH L. KISSIAN  
Special Agent in Charge

Enclosure 1

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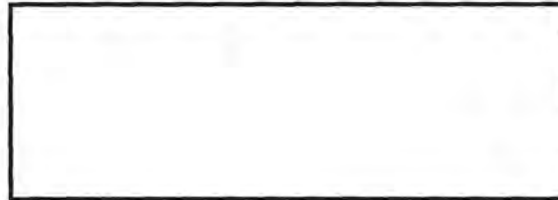
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Norfolk, Virginia  
October 20, 1964

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Re: [redacted]

The following letter was received by Headquarters,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation:



"October 1, 1964"

"Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Chief, Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

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Dear Mr. Hoover,

"I have recently finished reading a book by John A. Stomer  
entitled "None Dare Call It Treason." I found it to be most  
interesting and informative, and pretty well documents what I  
have read on the subject of the Communist conspiracy over the  
past four years.

"A patient of mine after reading this book informed me that  
it made her so upset that she gave it to her husband (a naval  
officer) who turned it over to the Office of Naval Intelligence.  
The ONI informed her husband that [redacted] is  
'an extremely dangerous person, a radical rightist, and is  
under surveillance by the F.B.I.'

"I might add that another patient of mine, a college graduate  
with a major in political science checked out a lot of the  
references and found them to be authentic.

"The charge against [redacted] in my estimation seems utterly  
ridiculous.

"I would appreciate any information you might be able to  
give me regarding [redacted] in relation to this  
accusation. In my estimation he is strongly pro-American  
and anti-communist. I see nothing wrong in this combination.

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On October 12, 1964, [redacted] was contacted by a representative of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. He was advised that the FBI is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and does not make evaluations or draw conclusions concerning the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. He was advised that FBI files are confidential and that he should not infer either that the FBI does or does not have material in its files regarding the subject of his inquiry.

[redacted] stated that he had furnished a copy of the book *None Dare Call It Treason* to [redacted]

[redacted] whose husband is [redacted] United States Navy. After reading it, [redacted] told [redacted] that she was so upset that she gave it to her husband, who turned it over to the Office of Naval Intelligence (ONI), Norfolk. [redacted] Riley stated that [redacted] told her husband that [redacted] is "an extremely dangerous person, a radical rightist and is under surveillance by the F.B.I."

[redacted] further stated that he advised [redacted] a friend of his concerning this. He stated that [redacted] is a [redacted] United States Navy, Norfolk. [redacted] told [redacted] that he, [redacted] had contacted ONI, Norfolk: that ONI told him that they had no record of [redacted] contacting ONI in regard to [redacted] further told [redacted] that he had contacted the FBI, and that he was informed by the FBI that no investigation of [redacted] was being conducted.

[redacted] described [redacted] as an apprehensive-type person. He stated that after [redacted] told him about his contact at ONI, he, [redacted] felt that [redacted] may not actually have contacted ONI, and further that if [redacted] did contact ONI, ONI made no comment to him about [redacted]

[redacted] volunteered that he, [redacted] is a member of the John Birch Society. The Doctor described himself as a staunchly loyal American citizen who sincerely feels there is an intense conspiracy afoot to socialize and communize the United States. He feels the best way to combat this is to



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"vote in the proper political candidates." He stated he feels the John Birch Society exemplifies his personal thinking in this regard.

[redacted] stated that after reading Stormer's book, he gave it to [redacted]

[redacted] who is a wife of a Naval Officer. He claimed that she read the book and checked out a number of references in it and found them to be valid.

On October 2, 1964, [redacted]

[redacted] residence [redacted] came to the Norfolk Division of the FBI. He volunteered he is the [redacted] John Birch Society. He produced a copy of the aforementioned book. He stated that the local chapter of the John Birch Society has distributed many hundreds of copies of the book but that he has since heard that neither the book nor the author has been "cleared" by the FBI, and if true, he would like to know so he could stop distribution.

[redacted] was advised that the FBI would have no comment regarding this publication or its author.

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

420 U. S. Post Office and Courthouse Building  
Norfolk, Virginia 23510

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[redacted]  
Office of Naval Intelligence  
Fifth Naval District  
United States Naval Base  
Norfolk, Virginia

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Dear [redacted]

This is to advise that on October 2, 1964, [redacted]

[redacted] home address -  
[redacted] came to this office. He stated  
that he is the [redacted] John  
Birch Society, and he produced a copy of a book by John A.  
Stormer entitled None Dare Call it Treason. [redacted] stated  
that his local chapter of the John Birch Society has distributed  
hundreds of copies of this book.

Smith stated that the [redacted]  
John Birch Society is [redacted] Richmond,  
Virginia. [redacted] stated that when he, [redacted] came to the  
Norfolk area approximately one year ago the John Birch Society  
had one chapter and the remnant of another, but their member-  
ship is up approximately two thousand per cent. He declined  
to state what the strength of the organization is in this  
area at the present time.

Under date of November 14, 1964, [redacted] directed a  
letter to this office enclosing literature of the John Birch  
Society. [redacted] advised that meetings of the organization  
are held at the office of [redacted]  
Norfolk, Virginia. The next meeting was scheduled  
for November 20, 1964. [redacted] also advised that he had recently  
been transferred to a new unit aboard the Naval Air Station.  
He stated that when checking in, the personnel officer,  
not further identified, was commenting that he was very happy  
because the division had just received its first edition of  
"Political Affairs." Smith pointed out that this publication

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2- Norfolk [redacted]

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was cited as pro-communist or communist by the House Committee on UnAmerican Activities in its report 2559, Annual Report for the Year 1961. [ ] claimed that the personnel officer stated that the publication was ordered by direction of [ ] executive officer, and is being paid for from Navy funds.

[ ] stated that as soon as he could verify and pin point responsibility, he would furnish "a full report for your files."

[ ] This is to advise no encouragement has been given by this Bureau to undertake any type of investigative assignment, and any information that he furnishes is done voluntarily.

The foregoing is being furnished to your office inasmuch as [ ] is an enlisted man in the United States Navy, and no further investigation is contemplated concerning him by this Bureau.

This is furnished for your information and should not be disseminated to unauthorized persons or agencies.

Very truly yours,

JOSEPH L. KISSIAH  
Special Agent in Charge

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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TO : SAC, NORFOLK (105-546)

DATE: 3/9/65

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

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SUBJECT: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY  
INFORMATION CONCERNING  
INFORMANT [REDACTED]

On 3/2/65 [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] appeared at the Norfolk Office advising she  
had joined the John Birch Society [REDACTED] and resigned [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] She stated her reason for resigning was  
that she had determined that one of the state representatives  
of the organization [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

She said her purpose in reporting this matter  
to the FBI was to make known the immoral character of  
one of the state officials of this society. 105-546-37

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[ ] advised at first that her husband was a Commander in the Navy; however, she later said he was a Lt. who was hoping to be promoted to Commander and was presently at the South Pole with a Naval expedition. She stated he had been absent for about six months.

ACTION RECOMMENDED:

None. [ ] was advised that the information furnished as set forth above does not constitute a Federal violation over which the FBI would have jurisdiction.

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TO : SAC, NORFOLK (105-546)

DATE: 3/17/65

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

SUBJECT

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Re Norfolk files 105-546 and [REDACTED]

On 3/10/65 [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] home address [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] personally contacted SA [REDACTED] at the NAS Supply Center, at which time he requested to discuss a personal matter with the agent.

[REDACTED] advised that he has recently reviewed his USN personnel records at NAS and found that his secret clearance has been removed and all references to subsequent clearance requests were also removed.

[REDACTED] was advised by SA [REDACTED] that the ONI has the obligation and responsibility of conducting all security clearances for USN personnel and that the FBI is not involved in this type investigation nor any issuance of any such clearances.

[REDACTED] has previously contacted the FBI Office and has indicated that he plans to come to the FBI Office on 3/22/65 and discuss his affiliation with the John Birch Society with the SAC. [REDACTED] stated that he was aware of the fact that Mr. L.M. WALTERS was the new SAC and as he has previously discussed this matter with former SAC JOSEPH L. KISSIAH, he intended to make himself available to Mr. WALTERS.

A review of NE 105-<sup>556</sup><sub>450</sub> and [REDACTED] revealed that [REDACTED] and his wife, [REDACTED] have been active in the John Birch Society and have been described by a Naval officer as being extreme rightists.

ONI, 5ND, Norfolk, is aware of [REDACTED] activities with the John Birch Society and may possibly be presently conducting an investigation of him.

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[redacted] has advised that he is the [redacted] John Birch Society and that his local chapter has distributed many hundreds of copies of the publication, "None Dare Call It Treason," written by JOHN A. STORMER.

[redacted] has claimed to have been previously working with the FBI in Milwaukee in 1946, claiming to have attended CP meetings there for the FBI. He also expressed a desire to work with the FBI in any way possible. It is to be noted that [redacted] has also claimed to have worked with the FBI while in Memphis, Tenn. Memphis has advised the Norfolk Office that [redacted] had contacted the Memphis Office on 1/4/63 at which time he was a CPO assigned to the NAS Millington, Memphis, and had claimed to that office to have assisted the FBI in Cleveland re Communist activities in that area. Neither Memphis nor the Cleveland Office indicated any co-operation extended to them by [redacted]

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[REDACTED]  
INFORMATION CONCERNING

[REDACTED] called at the office this date and left certain material applicable to the John Birch Society, in addition to material previously furnished concerning this society. This material is attached hereto for filing in the 1-A section of this file.

[REDACTED] explained that he is the [REDACTED] John Birch Society chapters in Norfolk, Virginia Beach, Portsmouth, and Suffolk, consisting of eight chapters ranging from seven to fifteen members each. He continues to reside at [REDACTED]

He advised that he wanted this office to be aware of his identity and the fact that the John Birch Society strongly supports the FBI; its Director, JOHN EDGAR HOOVER; and local law enforcement. He commented that it had been brought to his attention previously that the FBI might be interested in any white supremacy organizations, and he has recently learned of a new organization entitled the Fraternal Order of Eagles, which is being formed and appears to him to be of a white supremacy nature. He stated he will continue to be alert for any information concerning this new organization and will advise this office.

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January 21, 1966

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C. 20535

Dear Mr. Hoover:

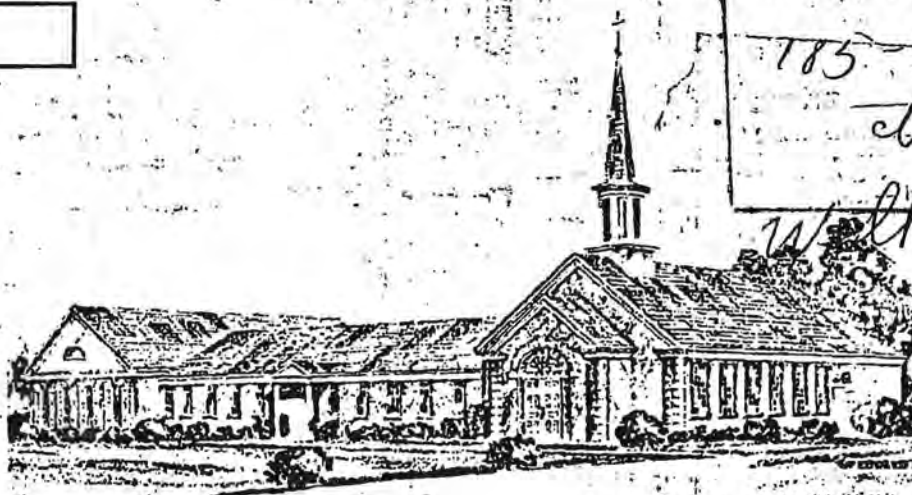
In the October 24, 1960, issue of CHRISTIANITY TODAY there appeared a superb article by you, entitled "Communist Propaganda and the Christian Pulpit". Do you happen to have this article in printed form, and if so would it be possible to obtain two hundred copies?

I continue to hope and pray to God that He will continue to give you courage, wisdom, and health to continue in your position. You have the continued admiration and respect of your fellow country men and sad will be the day when you have to vacate your office. Perhaps I am too pessimistic but the signs of our times, in the context of history, show the tides running against us. America needs a respected and courageous leader to lead us out of Egypt, but too many seem satisfied with the "flesh pots" of a welfare state.

With my best wishes and prayer for you, I remain,

Respectfully yours,

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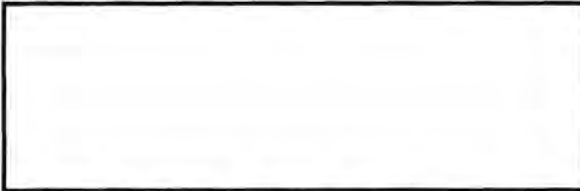
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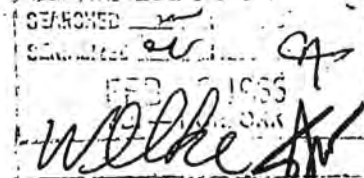
Your letter of January 25th has been received, and I want to thank you for your kind sentiments and prayers. You may be sure I have no intention of retiring, and it is my desire to remain in my present capacity as long as I can be of service to our Nation.

In response to your request, I am forwarding, under separate cover, two hundred copies of "The Communist Menace." I am indeed pleased to know of your interest in being furnished this material.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC, NORFOLK (105-546)

DATE: 2/15/66

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY  
INFORMATION CONCERNING

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On 2/10/66 [REDACTED] Clothing Squad,  
Norfolk PD, advised that on that date he went to the  
Foam and Fabric Center, 4311 Colley Avenue, Norfolk. He  
began talking to [REDACTED] who then began talking about  
the John Birch Society and the people who do not have enough  
courage to speak out for their country. This person then  
gave him two printed items entitled, "Mostly Political,"  
and "Support Your Local Police." These items are attached  
as a 1-A exhibit.

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TO : SAC, NORFOLK 105-546

FROM : SA HENRY A. WELKE *[Signature]*

SUBJECT: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY

DATE: 4/22/66

On 4/12/66, [ ] furnished the following information:

He is acquainted with one [ ] a white male who sells paint. He resides at [ ] residence telephone [ ] business telephone - [ ]

He specializes in selling Amo Lux Paint but has sold many other paints. He is actually a paint contractor. He used to have a shop on Ingleside Rd., Norfolk.

[ ] has advised that he is affiliated with the John Birch Society. The informant stated that [ ] has indicated that the Society is welcoming Negroes to its cause.

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DATE: 6/2/66

FROM : SAC, NORFOLK

SUBJECT:

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telephonically contacted the office 5/31/66 and requested to know what capacity, if any, [ ] had with the FBI.

was informed that

related that

admitted being a staunch member of the John Birch Society.

The above is for information.

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# Memorandum

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TO : SAC, NORFOLK (105-546)

DATE: 6-8-66

FROM : SA HENRY A. WELKE

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]  
POSSIBLE MEMBER JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY.

On 6/3/66 [REDACTED] Investigations, Ft. Monroe, telephonically furnished the following:

[REDACTED] works part-time at GEX in Hampton. The night of 6/2/66 a man cashed a government check in the amount of \$250.97, check #22,960,566. He furnished an identification card which had marked on it "AMERICAN OPINION POLL and JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY." He described the man as 30, 6'3", 190 pounds, patch over left eye.

[REDACTED] said that if this man is a government employee and is a member of the JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY, he wanted the FBI to know about it.

RECOMMENDATION: No action. Index subject's name, and place memo in file on JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY.

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC, NORFOLK (105-546)

DATE: 10/6/66

FROM : SA HENRY A. WELKE

SUBJECT: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY

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On 9/12/66 SA [redacted] NISO, Norfolk, Va., telephonically furnished the following information:

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The Commanding Officer of the USS SCORPION, Hull No. SSN 589, advised NISO that [redacted] assigned to the ship, had reported the following:

At 12:30 a.m. on 8/31/66, he was in the coffee shop of the Norfolk Municipal Airport. He was approached by a man who identified himself as a retired Chief Petty Officer. He said he was a lecturer for the John Birch Society. He spoke of his association with HERBERT PHILBRICK, whom he said was a former FBI employee. The man referred to himself as a right wing extremist.

[redacted] asked him to furnish him his name, but the man just gave him a ballpoint pen inscribed [redacted] no city given.

It is noted that the current Norfolk telephone directory lists [redacted]

## RECOMMENDATION:

Search the name of [redacted] and route memorandum to SA LEMUEL W. KEHR for his information.

No further action is being taken.

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SA [REDACTED]

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Re Norfolk airtel to the Bureau, 11/8/66, enclosing LHM concerning the posting of "Black Power" signs in the State of Virginia 11/7 - 8/66 by the Klan (105-56-1989, 1990).

On 11/14/66, an envelope addressed to Agent [REDACTED] was received at the Norfolk Office in an envelope bearing the return address of the Virginia Council on Human Relations, 17 East Cary Street, Richmond 19, Virginia. This envelope containing some printed material apparently was mailed to SA [REDACTED] by [REDACTED] of that organization, since [REDACTED] had telephonically contacted SA [REDACTED] on 11/8/66 concerning the observance of "Black Power" signs in the Chesapeake - Hansemond County, Virginia, area. [REDACTED] when conversing with SA [REDACTED] advised that he was well acquainted with SA [REDACTED] of the Richmond Office and usually furnished him with information concerning racial activities in the State of Virginia.

The envelope received at the Norfolk Office contained a copy of a "Newsletter" of the Alexandria Council on Human Relations dated 10/66. This Newsletter contains information about Negro employment in northern Virginia.

Also included in the envelope was a pamphlet setting forth some background concerning the above-mentioned organization and the individuals connected with it including information about [REDACTED] mentioned above.

Also included in the envelope was a memorandum of the above organization concerning the Klan and the posting of "Black Power" signs in the State of Virginia. Attached to this memorandum was a special report dated 11/10/66 captioned, "Right Wing Groups in Virginia." This report contains general information concerning such organizations as the Minutemen, the White Constitutional Party (American Nazi Party), Southern Rebel Party, the John Birch Society, 105-56-1989, 1990.

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157-5 AMERICAN NAZI PARTY  
100-5647 MINUTEMEN  
157-674 SOUTHERN REBEL PARTY  
105-546 JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY

105-236 DEFENDERS OF STATE SOVEREIGNTY, ETC. SJB:ghf

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the National Association for the Advancement of White People, White Citizens' Council, Lunenburg County Committee for the Survival of White People, Defenders of State Sovereignty and Individual Liberties, Let Freedom Ring of Richmond, Virginia, Inc.; Patrick Henry Press, Richmond, Virginia; Conservative Party of Virginia, Constructive Action, Inc., LaJolla, California; University of Virginia, Charlottesville, Virginia; and Washington and Lee University, Lexington, Virginia; and Free Society Association, Charlottesville, Virginia.

Above is for information and the memorandum and the special report mentioned above ~~are~~ being filed in 105-56-1A. The other literature has been destroyed.

The names of the above-mentioned organizations are being indexed to this memorandum with the exception of those for which a copy of this memorandum is designated and on which a file exists concerning the particular organization.

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# Memorandum

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TO : SAC, NORFOLK

DATE: 3/10/68

FROM : SPC [REDACTED]

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SUBJECT: UNSUB; Recording "Let Freedom Ring"  
Telephone number 853-8017

An anonymous caller telephonically advised that he had been told to dial 853-8017 and listen to the recording "Let Freedom Ring". Caller considered this type of recording of a communist nature and wanted to report it. At the end of the recording it stated that more information could be obtained by writing P.O. Box 3013, Va Beach, Va. which a fee is charged for.

*3/11/68, listened to recording and it is strongly critical of Communists and Communism. appears to be type of info of the John Birch Society. SJB*

*On 3/11/68 [REDACTED] Norfolk advised P.O. Box 3013 Va Beach, Va., was wanted on [REDACTED] at "LET FREEDOM RING" by [REDACTED]*

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*Above for info and suggest it be filed in 105-544 re John Birch Society and names indexed. SJB.*

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# Memorandum

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TO : SAC, NORFOLK (105-546)

DATE: 3/22/68

(ATTENTION: SA [REDACTED])

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: UNSUB; RECORDING  
"LET FREEDOM RING"  
TELEPHONE NUMBER 853-8017

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On 3/18/68, [REDACTED] telephone number [REDACTED] telephonically contacted the Norfolk Division and advised that he was given a telephone number, 853-8017, from an individual he knows and that this recording contained derogatory comment regarding the Pueblo incident.

He advised that he was given this phone number by a [REDACTED] on 3/17/68.

[REDACTED] had advised him that he was given this phone number by a C and P Telephone repairman.

On this same date, [REDACTED] telephone number [REDACTED] telephonically contacted the Norfolk Division, advising that he had received a telephone number 853-8017 which was a recording containing derogatory remarks regarding the Pueblo incident.

[REDACTED] advised that [REDACTED] and that his wife, [REDACTED] Norfolk, Va., and that she had come about this telephone number and in turn turned it over to the Naval Investigative Service Office, NAS, Norfolk, Va. He advised that she was informed by NISO to turn this number over to the FBI.

This Agent dialed this number and listened to the recording and the recording was quite critical of the handling of the Pueblo incident and further was strong in its criticism of Communist and the Communist Party.

The above is being filed for information. It is suggested this be filed in ~~105-56~~ regarding the John Birch Society.

2-Norfolk (105-546((1-105-56))

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## 2-Minute Talks on Communism

Virginia - Staff  
7-2-68

# When This Phone Rings, So Does 'Freedom'

By JAMES HARPER

Virginia-Pilot Staff Writer

NORFOLK—The number is UL 3017.

The message on Saturday ran 2 minutes and 5 seconds, which is average, and opened and closed as all the messages do—with "LET FREEDOM RING!"

Last week Ralph D. Abernathy was the target: "Ralph D. Abernathy, who has assumed the mantle of Martin Luther King Jr., has, like King, a background cooperation with Communists."

Abernathy and King, the message related attended a "Communist" school in Tennessee together in 1957; Abernathy has Marxist aims" and is encouraged by a "permissive, liberal administration that doesn't have the strength or political courage to enforce the laws."

The Southern Christian Leadership Conference, which Abernathy took over when King was shot, has been labeled by the Louisiana Un-American Activities Committee as "substantially under the control of the Communist Party," the recorded voice

said, and for facts not revealed by local news media, send contributions to "Abernathy, Box 3013, Virginia Beach."

This has been going on since February.

The program, an outlet for Let Freedom Ring, Inc., of Sarasota, Fla., was instituted locally by a Navy doctor, Lt. Cmdr. Lawrence Sidney Connor, Connor, who was detached from active duty at his own request last week, has moved to South Carolina.

By telephone Friday, Connor said the "general tenor" of the messages is to "alert the people to communism" and to expose people who "have obvious affiliations with Communist fronts."

Messages through the spring have included talks on the gold outflow—"how this is involved in the over-all conspiracy of debauching our currency." The removal of silver from coins is also symptomatic of the conspiracy, Connor said.

In one recording, the message concerned the captured U.S. communications ship Pueblo. "Our stand on that is we ought to have recovered the Pueblo,"

said Connor. "The men were made pawns." When asked of whom, he replied, "This is kind of a nebulous thing. Why were they there? We don't know."

Connor said he made some of the recordings while here. His wife did others. More were done by volunteers.

The scripts, he said, come from Dr. William C. Douglass of Sarasota, who, like Connor, was once a Navy flight surgeon. For the service, the local affiliate pays \$25 a year, to Sarasota. Recording and programming of the messages is done at the discretion of local patrons.

Connor, a John Birch Society chapter leader in Orangeburg, S.C., before he went on active duty, was a Birch chapter leader during his stay in Virginia Beach. Some of the support for the Let Freedom Ring program came from Birch members, other individuals, and through solicitations at the end of each message, he said.

Connor figured about half of his operating expenses came from solicitations.

Besides the cost of the scripts from Dr. Douglass, there is the

expense of the telephone—about \$50 monthly.

Since he left, Connor said the operation here is being handled by H. B. Patterson of Virginia Beach and William C. Hall Sr. of Norfolk.

By telephone Friday, Patterson said he takes care of the money which comes into Box 3013 from solicitations. He said that he was a member of Connor's Birch council, and indicated that society members are the main sponsors. He said that requests for more information on people which is not obtainable in the local media are sent to Sarasota.

Patterson said that he knew of two Let Freedom Ring information devices operating in Richmond, and of similar recordings made available in Washington by Liberty Lobby. Like Connor, he said he did not know the precise number of Let Freedom Ring outlets across the country. Connor estimated the number in the hundreds.

On Saturday, Hall said that he and Patterson and a man whose full name and address he couldn't remember were the primary sponsors of Let Freedom

Ring in Tidewater.

Hall lives at 2313 Sewells Point Road, in the same building with local Conservative party and Wallace for President headquarters. He manages the Wallace headquarters.

The telephone equipment, rented from the Chesapeake & Potomac Telephone Co., is in his apartment, he said. Earlier it was located in Connor's Virginia Beach home.

The apparatus is a simple play-back device, he said, with one tape that rewinds after each delivery of the message. Only one person can telephone in at a time, and the machine only plays the message once per call.

Hall said he changes the tapes when new messages become available. Right now he is waiting for one to be delivered to him. He said it was a tape of Connor's voice. The message, he said, will be on the Un-American Activities Committee.

He said he receives the texts from Connor, who is still the subscriber, and then has them recorded by volunteers. He could not recall any of the recorders' names.

"We've got any number who volunteer for that service," he said. "Everything is cleared nothing is recorded without proof to back it up, and the script says where the information can be found."

He said texts from which recordings were made are kept by a man in Virginia Beach. Then he telephoned the man and found all of the texts had been sent back to the home office.

Hall had one of the texts at his home, the one from which the July 4th message was recorded. It said in part: "You cannot long remain free unless the people understand the difference between a democracy, which is a majority-rule system of plundering the rich and thrifty, and a republic which is a system that protects the successful rich minority from the voting power of the majority but also protects the majority from the economic power of the rich."

Appended was a quote: "I am a 100 per cent American; I am a superpatriot."

And there was a benediction: "God Bless America—And Let Freedom Ring!"

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# Memorandum

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TO : SAC, NORFOLK( 100-6667)-C-

DATE: 9/30/68

FROM : SA LEMUEL W. KERR

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

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Re Norfolk airtel to Bureau 7/22/68 entitled "  
Minutemen--"

On 9/27/68, the Subject was interviewed at her residence. She admitted contributing to the Patriotic Party but denied any connection with the Minutemen. She said she belonged to the John Birch Society. She said she did not know either [REDACTED] but assured the agent she would notify the FBI in the event she obtains information concerning these men. FD 302 being submitted.

On 8/12/68, [REDACTED] BMA made available a credit record for [REDACTED] which was described as satisfactory. The addresses were: [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] all of Norfolk. His employment was shown as : [REDACTED] The credit shows a special report was made on 4/30/62. He is described as American white born [REDACTED] Nothing detrimental was contained in the file.

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100-5677 Minutemen  
100- JOHN BIRCH Society

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[redacted] advised she joined the Patriotic Party about two years ago; however, after she read about the trouble the Minutemen got into she decided she did not want to have anything more to do with the Patriotic Party.

[redacted] said she was a conservative in her thinking--that is conservative, both politically and socially. She said she read about the Patriotic Party and she believed this organization was attempting to promote the conservative viewpoint, therefore she sent the Patriotic Party an initiation fee and paid dues for one year. She said these were the only contributions she made to the organization.

[redacted] has shown photographs of [redacted] and [redacted] [redacted] advised she did not know these people and she was emphatic in stating she possessed no information which could lead to their location. [redacted] was advised that Federal warrants were outstanding for the arrest of [redacted] and it was pointed out to her that to withhold information would possibly involve her. She assured the interviewing agent that she possessed no information concerning their whereabouts and furthermore she did not condone any illegal acts on the part of anyone. She said she would cooperate fully with the FBI.

[redacted] said she belonged to the John Birch Society and was a supporter for GEORGE WALLACE for President of the United States.

[redacted] was observed to be a white female, about 5'8" tall and weighing about 280 to 300 pounds. She was extremely large and obese. She has black hair and brown eyes.

[redacted] said she was born [redacted] in [redacted] and that her home telephone is [redacted]

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Norfolk 100-546 (John Birch Society)

by [redacted] Date dictated 9/28/68

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[redacted] said she has had no contact with the Minutemen organization and she claimed she did not know any members affiliated with the Minutemen. [redacted] identified a [redacted] who resides on [redacted] [redacted] as an officer or the person who handles the affairs of the Patriotic Party in the State of Virginia.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI  
FROM: SAC, NORFOLK (100-5667)(C)

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Title is marked changed to include the name [redacted]  
[redacted] the subject's married name.

Enclosed for the Bureau are eight copies of LHM, copies of which are being disseminated locally to WIC, NISO, OSI, and Secret Service. One copy is furnished Kansas City for information in view of Kansas City's interest in the investigation of the Minutemen. Also enclosed for the Bureau are two copies of FD-376 for Secret Service, copy of which has been furnished Secret Service, Norfolk.

The source is [redacted] who was contacted by SA LEMUEL W. KERR [redacted]

No recommendation is being made to include subject's name on either the Security Index or Agitator Index because it is not felt she falls within the criteria.

No further action is contemplated.

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1-Kansas City (Enc. 1)(info)(RM)  
6-Norfolk (100-5667; 100-5647; [redacted])  
JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY; 66-820)

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[redacted]  
On March 10, 1967, a source who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that [redacted] was a sympathizer of the "Minutemen." According to this source, [redacted] paid \$5 dues in August, 1966.

During August, September, and December, 1968, the source was recontacted in connection with this matter, at which time no additional information was furnished.

On August 12, 1968, [redacted] Norfolk, Virginia, Retail Merchants Association (RMA) made available a credit record for [redacted] which was described as satisfactory. The addresses on file were [redacted] and [redacted] all Norfolk, Virginia. [redacted] employments were shown as: [redacted] He was described in a special credit report dated April 30, 1962, as a white American, born [redacted]

A characterization of the Minutemen is attached as an appendix to this memorandum.

On September 27, 1968, [redacted] was interviewed at her residence, the results of which are as follows:

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1-Kansas City  
1 each: NISO, MIG, OSI, SS  
5-Norfolk (100-6667; 100-5647; [redacted]  
91-1474; 100- JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY)  
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APPENDIX

"MINUTEMEN"

The "Minutemen" was organized in June, 1960. Its present headquarters are Norborne, Missouri. Robert B. DePugh, Norborne, Missouri, has been publicly identified as the founder and National Coordinator of the organization since its inception. Membership of the "Minutemen" is claimed by DePugh to be in excess of 35,000 members, however, confidential sources state this figure is greatly exaggerated, and that a more true estimate would be between 500 and 1,000 members. Statements by DePugh and literature distributed by the organization indicate its purpose to be the resistance to and exposure of, the spread of Communist influence within the United States; for the formation of a guerrilla or underground organization to combat the troops of any foreign powers which might eventually occupy this country; and resist passage of laws which would regulate private ownership of firearms.

In April, 1966, DePugh stated the "Minutemen" organization was then dividing itself into two bodies; one group to be members who have been able to maintain their identity in complete secrecy from the public and Government investigative agencies, and the other group to be made up of members who have been publicly identified and who will become active in the Patriotic Party. National conventions of the Patriotic Party were held in July, 1966, at Kansas City, Missouri; and July, 1967, at Kansas City, Kansas.

Members of the "Minutemen" organization, including [redacted] have been arrested in the past on charges of violation of the Federal Firearms Act, Bank Robbery - Conspiracy, Illegal Possession of Firearms and Conspiracy to Commit Arson. They have also engaged in maneuvers utilizing guerrilla tactics wherein machine guns, mortars, grenades, and other firearms were employed.

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC, NORFOLK (105-546)(P) DATE: 3/11/69

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY

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Literature distributed by the John Birch Society on 2/1/69 at the Great Atlantic and Pacific Tea Company Store in Newmarket Shopping Center, Hampton, Va., which takes an opposite position to that of the Peace and Freedom Party (PFP) with regard to the Grape Pickers Strike in California, lists several telephone numbers through which an individual may contact the John Birch Society. This memorandum is submitted to record information derived from these telephone numbers on literature handed out by the John Birch Society at that time.

The literature suggests contact with the American Opinion Library, 10194 Warwick Boulevard, or a telephone call to 595-4030, 868-9743, 877-4477, 826-2333, or 826-7420.

The Blue Book for Telephone Numbers lists 595-4030 as the telephone of the American Opinion Library at 10194 Warwick Boulevard, Newport News, Virginia. The Newport News Hills City Directory for 1968 lists the American Opinion Library and Bookstore at that address showing the names of [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]

Telephone number [REDACTED] is shown in the Blue Book as the telephone number of [REDACTED] who is shown in the telephone directory as residing at [REDACTED]. The York County Hills City Directory shows [REDACTED] at that address with his wife, [REDACTED] and shows his employment at [REDACTED]

Telephone number [REDACTED] is shown in the Blue Book as the number for [REDACTED] who is listed in the telephone directory with that number at [REDACTED]. The 1968 Newport News Hills City Directory shows [REDACTED] residing with his wife [REDACTED] at that address and employed [REDACTED]

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Telephone number [redacted] is shown in the Blue Book as the telephone number for [redacted] who is shown in the telephone directory as residing at [redacted]

[redacted] The 1968 Hills City Directory for Hampton lists [redacted] residing at that address with his wife, [redacted] and employed [redacted]

Telephone number [redacted] is shown in the Blue Book as the telephone number for [redacted] [redacted] is shown in the telephone directory as having that number and residing at [redacted] The 1968 Newport News City Directory shows [redacted] residing at that address with his wife, [redacted] and employed as a [redacted]

The above information is submitted for information only and no action is indicated.



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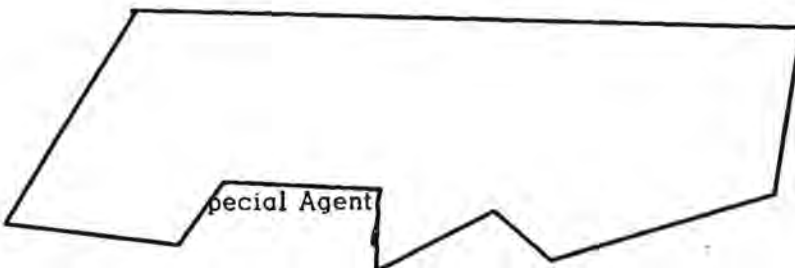
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[REDACTED]  
Norfolk, Virginia

On November 10, 1969, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] advised he  
is employed [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] indicated that he is a member of the  
Baptist Brotherhood, the John Birch Society, the Christian  
Anti-Communist Crusade, and a subscriber to the "Liberty  
Lobby".

In addition to the above information, [REDACTED]  
advised that he heard where "draft dodgers" were obtaining  
ministers' licenses and then they would claim draft defer-  
ments or claim conscientious objector status on the basis  
of being ministers.

[REDACTED] said he answered an advertisement which  
appeared in an unrecalled underground newspaper. He indicated  
that he sent \$2.00 which, according to the advertisement,  
was the price of the license. As a result, he received  
through the mail a certificate number 56 indicating that  
[REDACTED] was issued Minister's Credentials  
in the World Life Church, Inc., on September 15, 1969.  
The Minister's Credentials were issued by [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Post Office Box 717, Ceres,  
California 95307.

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1 - NISO (RM)

③ - Norfolk [REDACTED] 105-1407, VMC; 105-546, John Birch  
Society)

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Re: [REDACTED]

Norfolk, Virginia

"The Virginian-Pilot", a Norfolk, Virginia, newspaper of general circulation, dated November 23, 1969, identified [REDACTED] of the Tidewater Movement to Restore Decency (MOTOREDE), and a member of the John Birch Society. The newspaper reported that MOTOREDE has, as a group, opposed sex education in the public schools, the proliferation of smut, and peace efforts in Vietnam without a prior military solution.

According to the newspaper [REDACTED] advocated a United States victory in Vietnam--"up to a point which would convince the Communists that to repeat Vietnam elsewhere would be catastrophic".

"The Virginian-Pilot", supra, dated November 10, 1969, reported that MOTOREDE, with [REDACTED] conducted a counterrally and program on October 15, 1969, in opposition to the October 15, 1969, Vietnam Moratorium in Norfolk, Virginia, area.

On December 31, 1969, [REDACTED] Norfolk Retail Merchants Association, Credit Bureau, indicated that the Credit Bureau file on [REDACTED] contains information indicating that an attorney for [REDACTED] had filed a Voluntary Bankruptcy Petition on December 10, 1969, in which [REDACTED] listed \$10,949.17 in liabilities and \$2,068 in assets.

During the interview with [REDACTED] on November 19, 1969, he said he was a United States Army veteran, having served under United States Army serial number [REDACTED]. He said he was honorably discharged as a Staff Sergeant.

Re:

Norfolk, Virginia.

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DIRECTOR, FBI

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SAC, NORFOLK [REDACTED] (C)

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INFORMATION CONCERNING  
(RACIAL INTELLIGENCE SECTION); SGE

Re Norfolk letter to Bureau dated 12/31/69,  
setting forth ~~complete~~ results of Bureau-directed  
interview with [REDACTED]

Enclosed for the Bureau are six copies  
of an LHM entitled [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Norfolk, Virginia".  
One copy has been disseminated locally to NISO.

The information was placed in LHM suitable  
for dissemination because subject is a United States  
Government employee.

No further action is contemplated by Norfolk  
and no effort will be made to develop [REDACTED] as a Security  
or Racial Informant because he is a college student and  
he possesses an undesirable credit background.

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4 - Norfolk [REDACTED] 105-1407, VMC; 105-546, JOHN BIRCH Society;  
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On 6/15/70, informant furnished the following  
typewritten report:

[REDACTED]

The main reason [REDACTED]  
was to allow members the opportunity to attend  
a program of the John Birch Society in this area.  
[REDACTED] explained this would be something  
different and the members might enjoy this for  
a change. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
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157-380-UKA, Ches.-Ports.

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The names [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

are being indexed to 105-546  
concerning the John Birch Society.

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] the Chesapeake or  
Portsmouth Chapter of the John Birch Society  
presented an educational program and showed the  
film "More Deadly Than War". [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] an official of the  
John Birch Society

[REDACTED] a member of the  
JBS not confirmed

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105-56 UKA  
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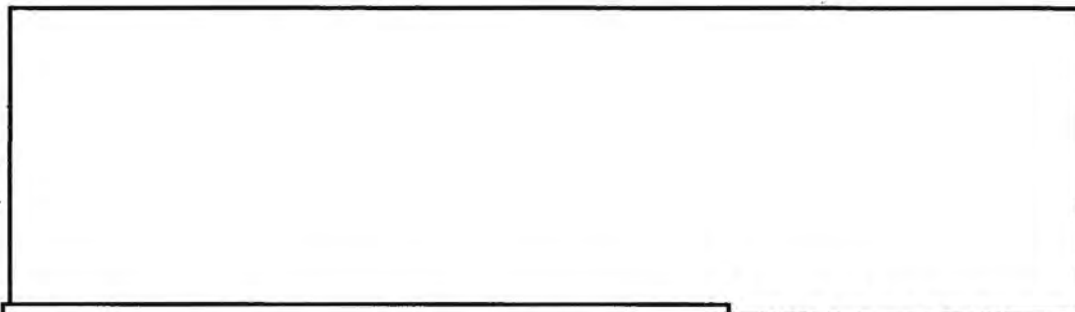
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Neither [REDACTED]  
or [REDACTED] attempted to persuade anyone to join  
the John Birch Society. [REDACTED]

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[redacted] JNS literature  
from the American Opinion Library was observed on  
table in the dining room. [redacted]



Date received 6/22/70	Received from (name or symbol number) [redacted] Prob)	Received by SA [redacted]
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Method of delivery (check appropriate blocks)

☐ in person ☒ by telephone ☐ by mail ☒ orally ☐ recording device ☐ written by Informant

If orally furnished and reduced to writing by Agent:

Dictated 6/23/70 to slm  
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by Informant \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Report

6/22/70

Date(s) of activity

6/21/70

Brief description of activity or material

Info re [redacted]

File where original is located if not attached

Remarks:

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TAKEN ON INFORMANT'S INFORMATION.

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The name [redacted] is being  
indexed to Norfolk file 105-546,  
John Birch Society.

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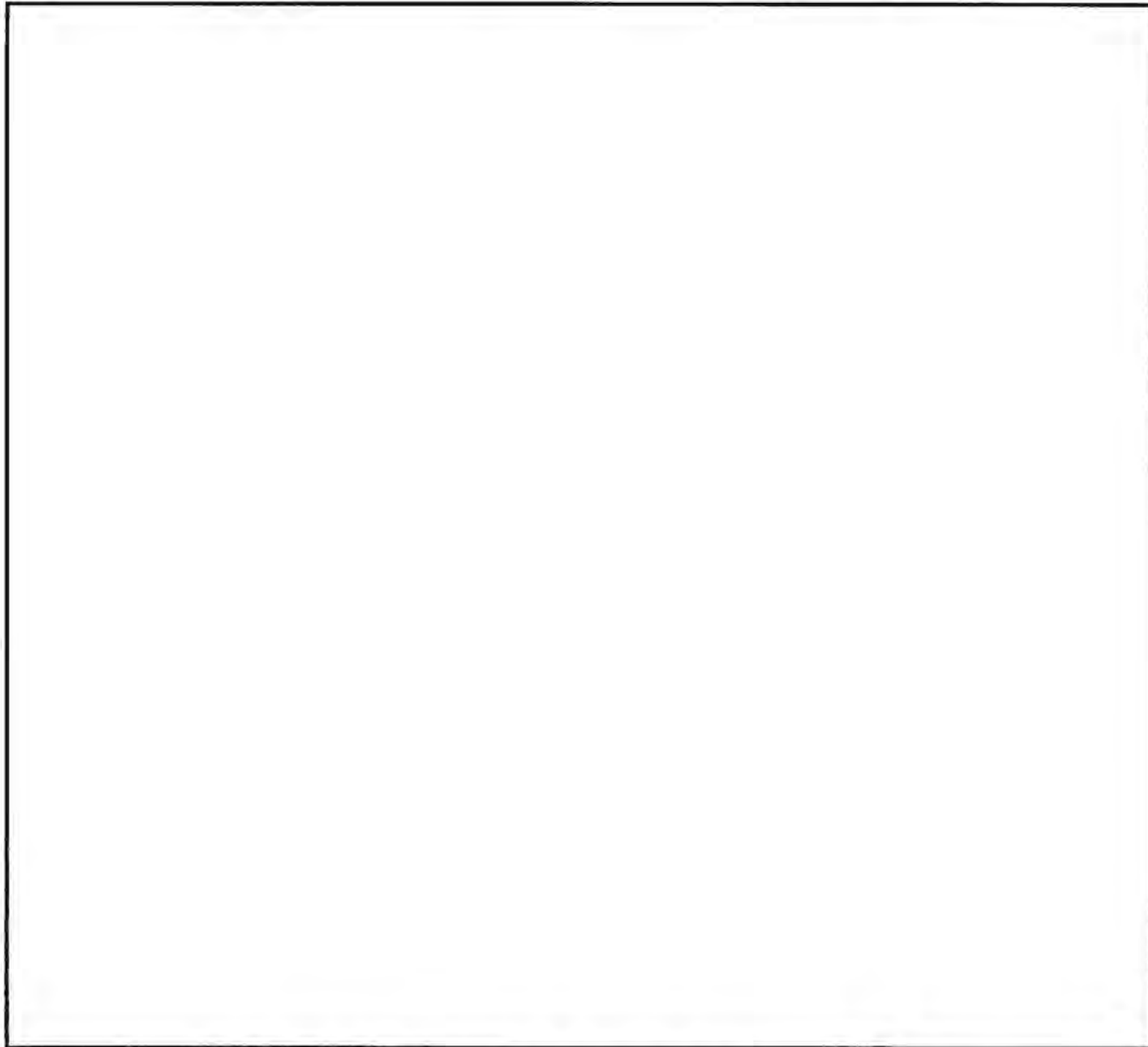
On [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] United Klans of America, Knights of the Ku  
Klux Klan, held a meeting [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]



I think [redacted] is going to attend the John  
Birch Society meeting [redacted] rather  
than hold its [redacted] meeting. The Society  
meeting will be held [redacted]

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On 9/8/70, [REDACTED] furnished a copy of the leaflet which [REDACTED] was distributing as mentioned below captioned "Revolution Underway." [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] at the Churchland High School auditorium and was being sponsored by the Portsmouth - Chesapeake TACT (Truth About Civil Turmoil) Committee.

The leaflet is being filed in <sup>105</sup>105-546 concerning the John Birch Society, and [REDACTED] name is being indexed to that file, along with the name of Portsmouth - Chesapeake TACT Committee.

On 9/8/70, informant furnished the following type-written report:

[REDACTED]  
"On the above date, at 11:15 A.M. [REDACTED] a member of the Portsmouth-Chesapeake TACT Committee (The John Birch Society) was observed distributing 'Revolution Underway' literature. [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

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105-546 THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY  
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FROM : SA

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Index the following names to

Index [redacted] to 105-546, John Birch  
Society and 157-2015, Citizens Council.

On 10/14/70, informant furnished the following typewritten report:

"October 13th, 1970

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1 - [REDACTED]  
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1 - [REDACTED]  
1 - 157-380, UKA, Ches. - Ports.  
1 - 157-1247, UKA Finances

1 - Richmond (RM)

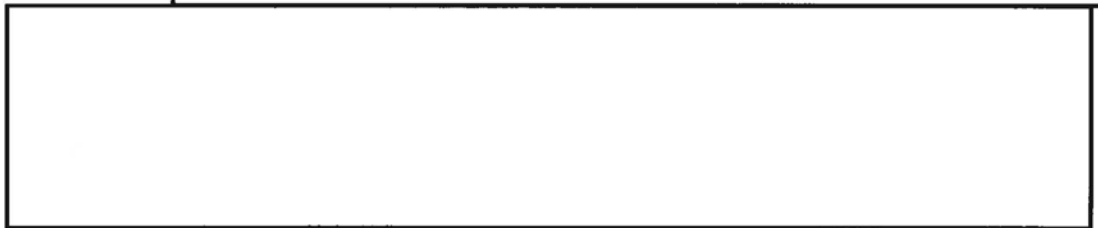
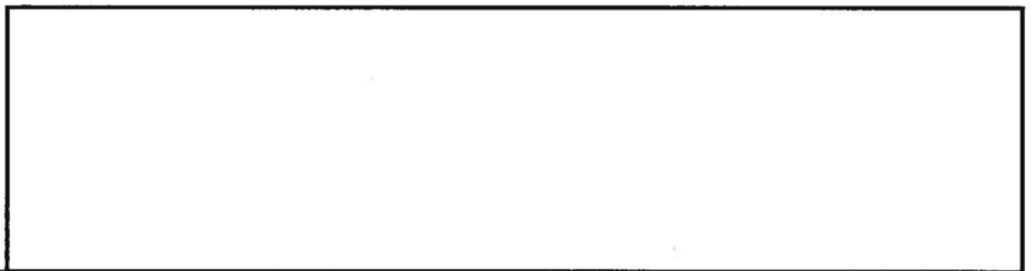
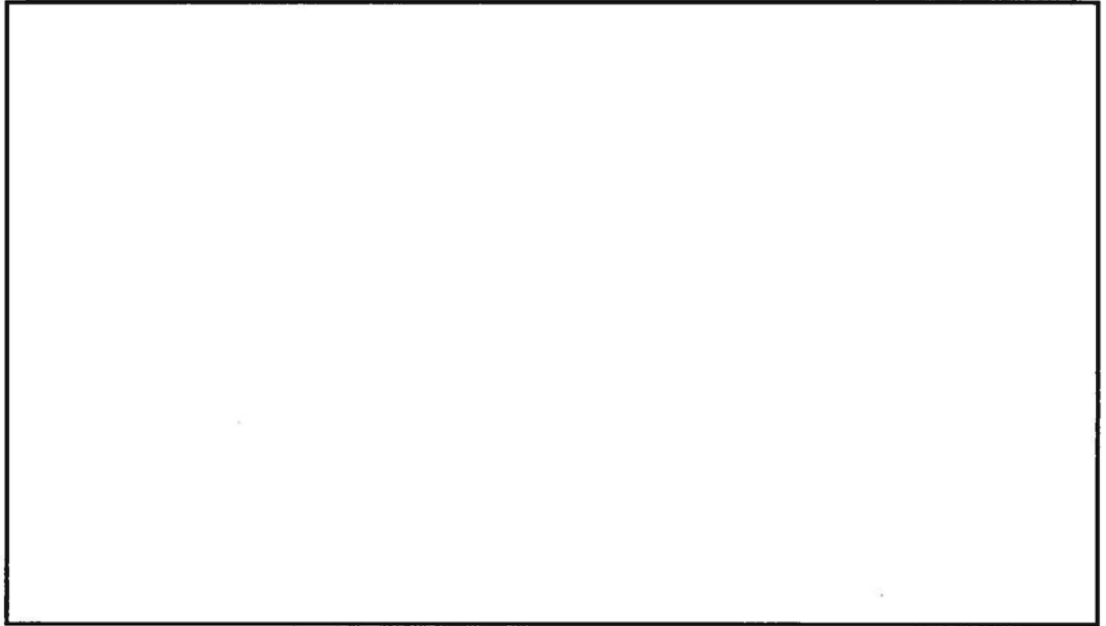
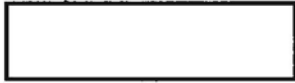
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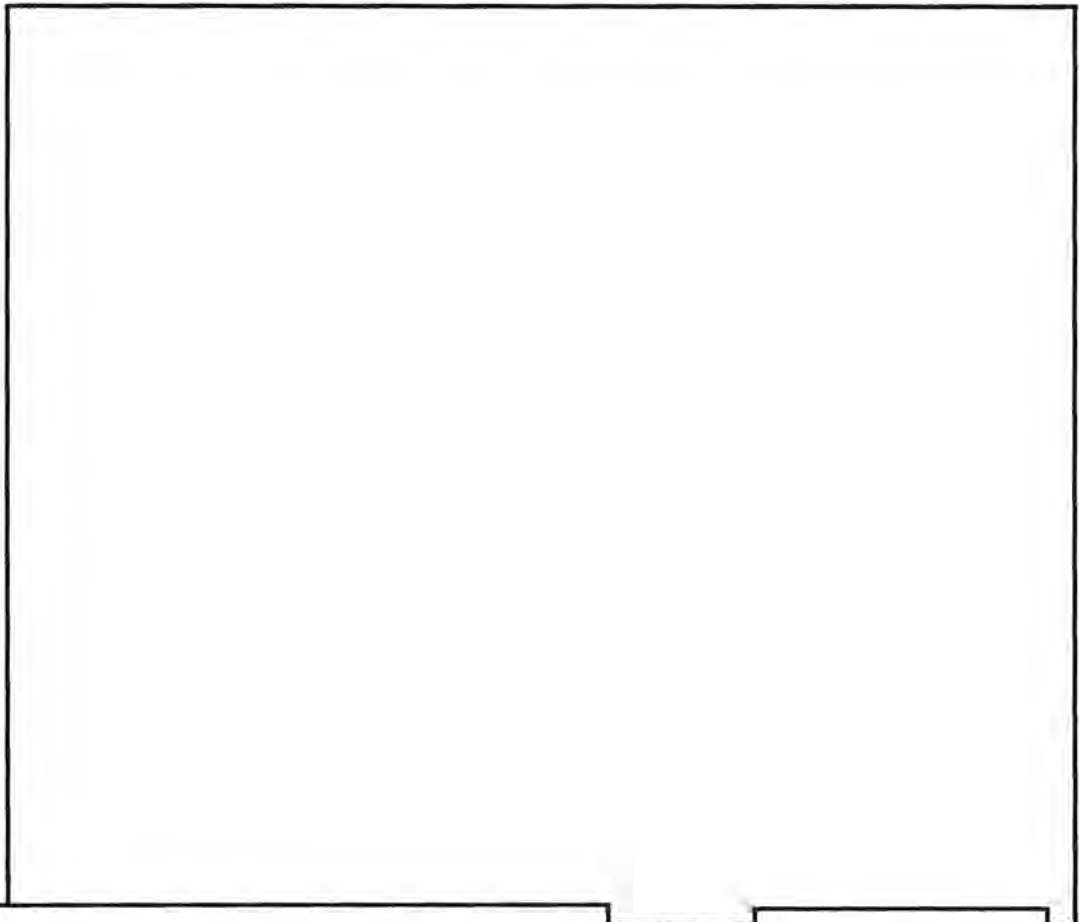
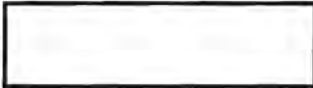
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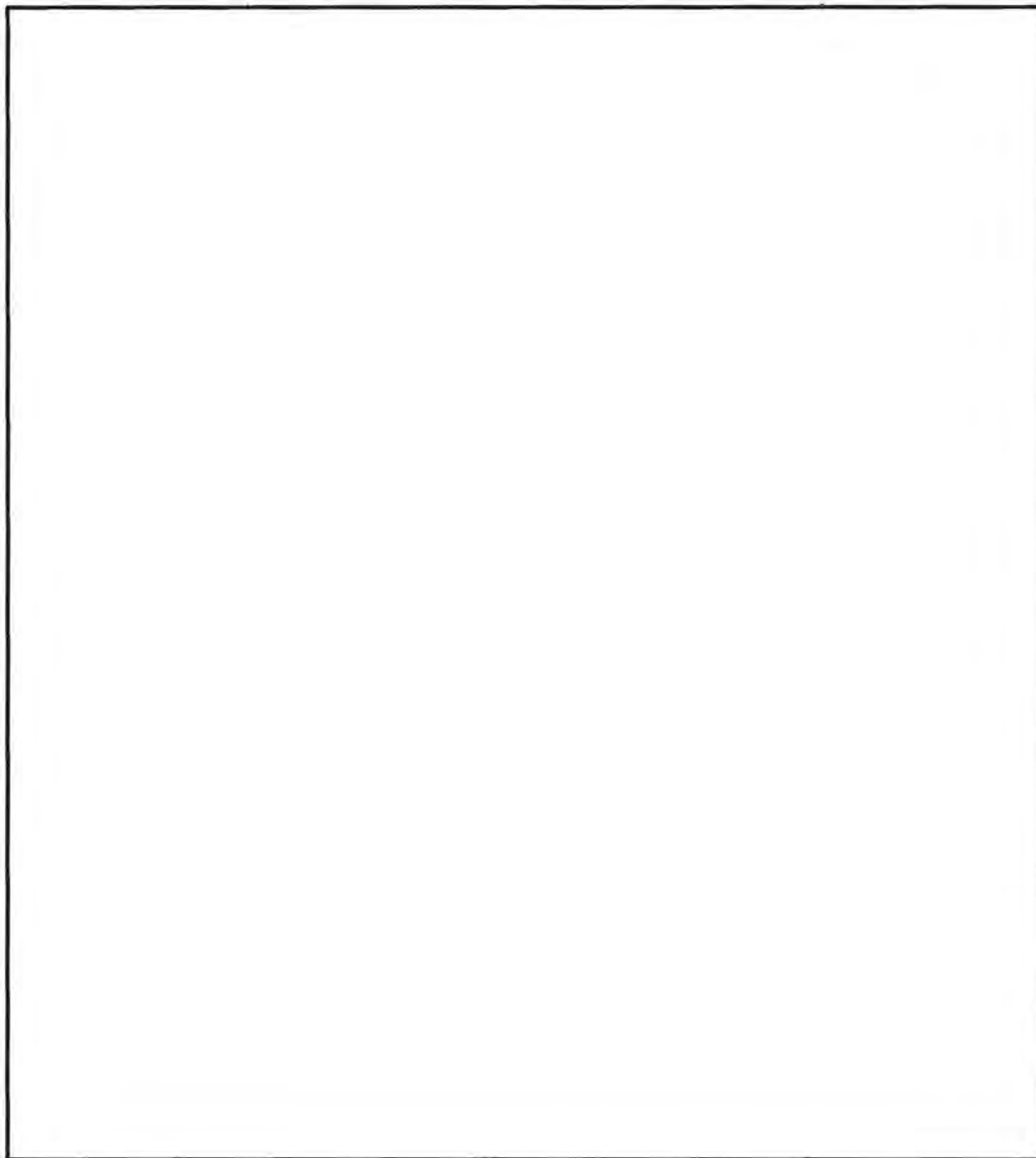
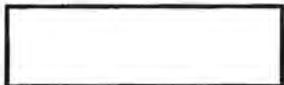
[redacted] stated [redacted]  
[redacted] of Norfolk, phone number [redacted] was a  
former member of the John Birch Society and is  
presently a member of the Citizens Council. Norfolk,  
Va. [redacted]





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## LARRY BONKO

THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY is suspicious of the peace symbol. Two leaders of the society in southside Hampton Roads think the symbol is "coded Marxist jargon."

Donald R. Snipes and his wife, Barbara, told me, "we are dead set against seeing the peace symbols displayed."

They feel the same way about the clenched fist salute and the V sign, which is what a lot of people are making with two fingers nowadays.

The John Birch Society organized 12 years ago to head off evil the U.S., mainly Communism. There are 10 chapters in Tidewater with approximately 20 people in each chapter.

Donald and Barbara Snipes, and other Birchers, are convinced that Satan inspired the peace symbols with a little help from Lenin, the Nazi SS and Bertrand Russell.

Said Mrs. Snipes, "I am not saying that all people who display these signs are Communists. Most of them simply do not realize what the signs are all about. They do not know the background."

(Indicate page, name of newspaper, city and state.)

Virginian-Pilot  
Norfolk, Va.

B-1 Ledger-Star  
Norfolk, Va.

Journal and Guide  
Norfolk, Va.

Suffolk News-Herald  
Suffolk, Va.

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Date: 2/22/71  
Edition: EVENING  
Author: LARRY BONKO  
Editor: GEORGE FITZ-PATRICK  
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## **Snipes both active**

Three years ago, Barbara Snipes of Chesapeake used to give all of her time to her two children and a garden club. Today she is a section leader for the society. Her husband heads up a chapter.

Mrs. Snipes said, "I was wasting my time before. I wasn't really interested in what was going on. One day my husband brought home "American Opinion" magazine. There was an article in there about how we had our men fighting and dying in Vietnam, but they couldn't win.

"They're not allowing them to win. So, I got in a huff. I decided that this fact should be known. I joined the society."

The peace symbol looks harmless to me. I asked Mr. and Mrs. Snipes to explain why it is such a baneful thing to a Bircher. They explained, quoting from "American Opinion."

The John Birch Society attacks Bertrand Russell as a Marxist and suggests that Moscow asked him to design the peace symbol. David E. Gumaer writes, "the symbol is a sign of the anti-Christ and you can be sure that the Communists planned it that way."

The fork or crow's foot in the peace symbol, it is suggested by Gumaer, is borrowed from death notices issued by the Nazi SS. Gumaer is a journalist and writer for "American Opinion".

"It upsets us to see our servicemen wearing that symbol," said Mrs. Snipes.

## **Society non-political**

I wondered if the John Birch Society has taken a stand on the war in Southeast Asia.

Snipes reminded me that the society is non-political. "We are neither hawkish or dovish. But once we were committed in Vietnam, we felt that we should have given our men everything to win and come back home."

I asked about the clenched-fist salute.

"For years, the clenched fist salute has been a symbol of revolution," said Snipes.

The society has plenty of pictures of such famous people as Fidel Castro, Adam Clayton Powell, Jesse Jackson, Olympic athlete John Carlos and Lee Harvey Oswald using the salute.

At this point in the interview, I popped this question at Snipes: the John Birch Society has a reputation for being ultra right with a lot of racists in the ranks. Is that so?

Snipes said, "we are conservative. We feel we have responsibilities to tell people what is going on in the government. We want less government, more responsibility and, with God's help, a better world. Some of our best Birchers are Jews, Catholics and Negroes. We do not and never have accepted Ku Klux Klansmen as members."

### ***No list at hand***

Snipes said he does not have a list of celebrities in the society. "As far as I know, President Nixon is not a member. I have some ideas of famous people who might be members. I have no concrete evidence. There are members in Hollywood, in government, in all walks of life."

The thing about the V salute puzzled me. The Birchers think it is borrowed from Satan's shadow blessing. They see the Communists communicating with this "Aespoian language".

I asked, "didn't Churchill use the V sign? He wasn't a Red or a demon."

The Birchers said, "as the sign is now used, the three fingers are pulled tight against the hand as in a Communist clenched-fist salute."

The society in Tidewater is growing. Most of the members are young adults. There are members under 21 and over 60. A lot of them think the U.S. is going to the devil like it was sent special delivery rush air mail. Peace.



Don and Barbara Snipes



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DATE: 3/12/71

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

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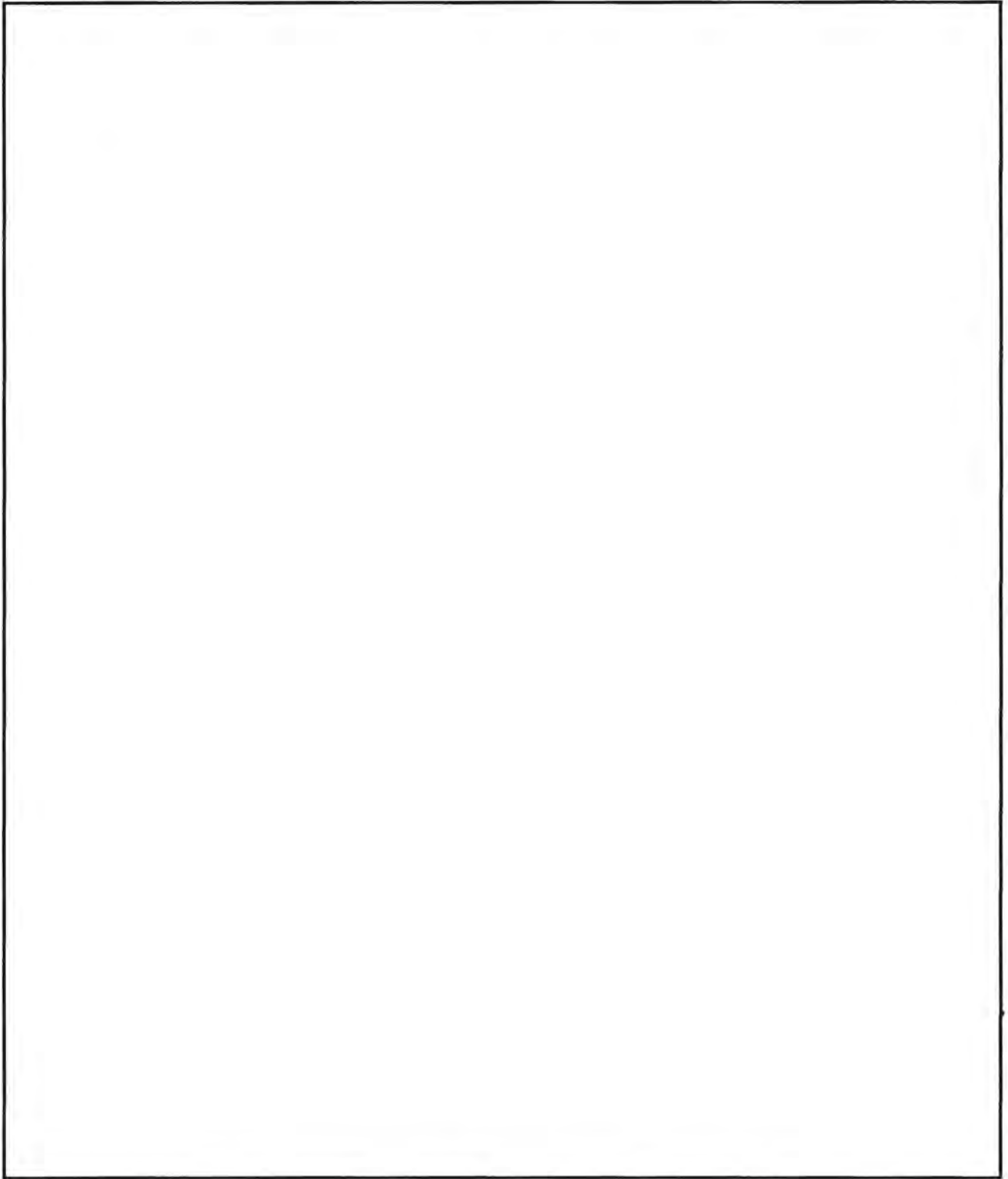
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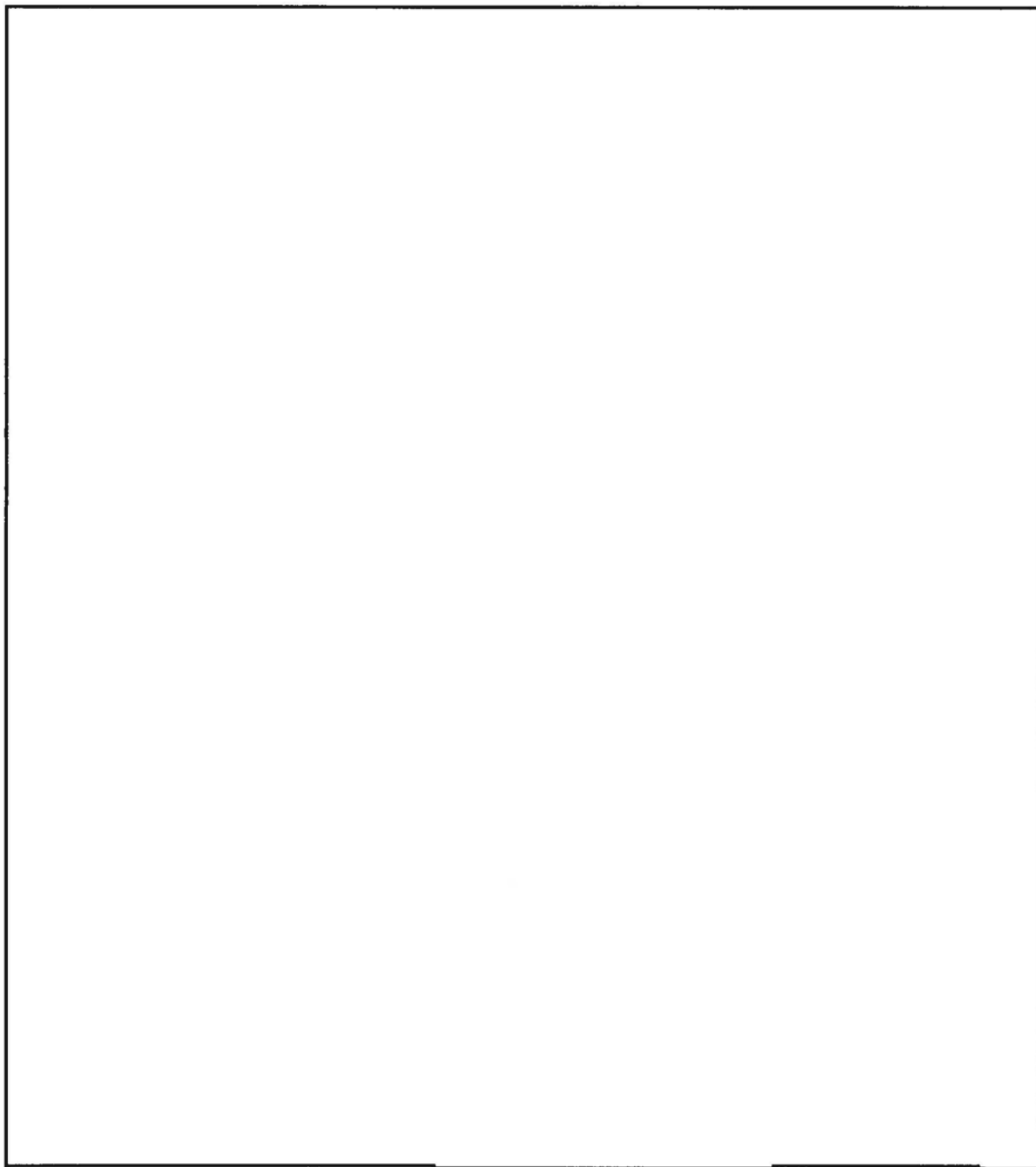


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[redacted] phoned to advise that [redacted]  
of the John Birch Society had contacted him about certain



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statements [redacted] had made concerning the Society. [redacted]

[redacted] had indicated the Birchers were liars. [redacted]

[redacted] then sent [redacted] an invitation to attend a Society meeting. This was the one that a film was shown and a [redacted] made a speech. [redacted]

[redacted] The Birch Society has demanded equal TV time, [redacted]

[redacted] Several of the questions that were phoned in to the TV station were in regard to how the Klan could be contacted and requirements or qualifications for joining.

[redacted] It was determined that Klansladies were behind these questions in an effort to get [redacted] to the public. [redacted]

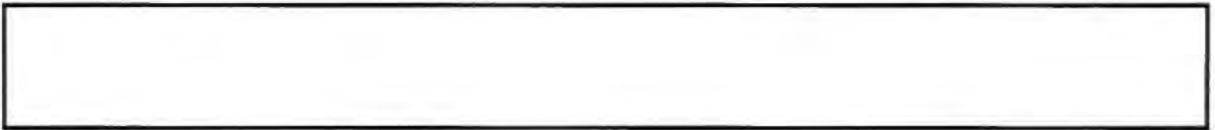
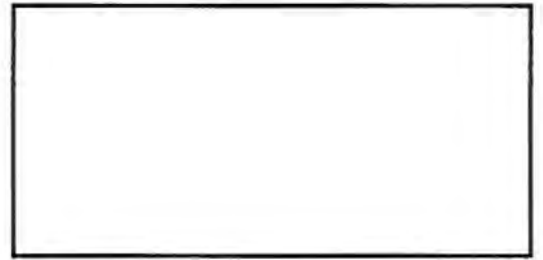
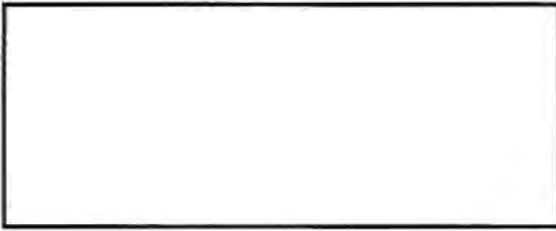
[redacted] said Mafia members may be in the Klan and that he knew of seven or eight Klansmen in Richmond that were in the John Birch Society. Klan strength [redacted] is four times greater than the Birch Society. The only Birch group I am aware of is [redacted] in Chesapeake. This group is holding meetings. [redacted]

[redacted] and two or three others have had Birch meetings in the Smithfield area in recent months. [redacted]

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SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

With what we have on the Birch Society, they are smart not to  
tangle with us [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] didn't want to pursue the  
Birch matter any further. It was not help them or us. Unless  
[REDACTED] would prefer to drop the whole  
thing. [REDACTED] is playing both ends toward the middle,  
[REDACTED] could join the Birch Society.

[REDACTED]

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# Memorandum

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United Klans of America, Knights  
of the Ku Klux Klan, held meeting.

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] might  
appear on Eye-Witness News Magazine with [REDACTED]  
of the John Birch Society on Monday, March 8th. as a rebuttal  
to [REDACTED] comments on 3/1/71. [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] find out all possible data on the John Birch  
Society in his area. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] is a  
member of the John Birch Society. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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\* INDIVIDUALS DESIGNATED BY AN ASTERISK (\*) ONLY ATTENDED A MEETING AND DID NOT ACTIVELY PARTICIPATE.  
VIOLENCE OR REVOLUTIONARY ACTIVITIES WERE NOT DISCUSSED.



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On 4/7/71, [redacted] advised  
the name [redacted] was  
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[redacted] is not a member of the UKA  
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On [redacted]  
[redacted] United Klans of America, Inc.,  
Knights of the Ku Klux Klan (UKA, Inc., KKKK) [redacted]  
Meeting was held [redacted]

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[redacted] felt [redacted] was possibly  
a plant from the John Birch Society in Chesapeake or  
Portsmouth.

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There will be a [redacted] meeting at

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TO : SAC, NORFOLK [REDACTED]

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SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

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On 5/24/71, informant furnished the following  
typewritten report:

[REDACTED]

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(157-151, UKA)

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157-380, UKA, CHES.-PORTS.  
105-546, JBS

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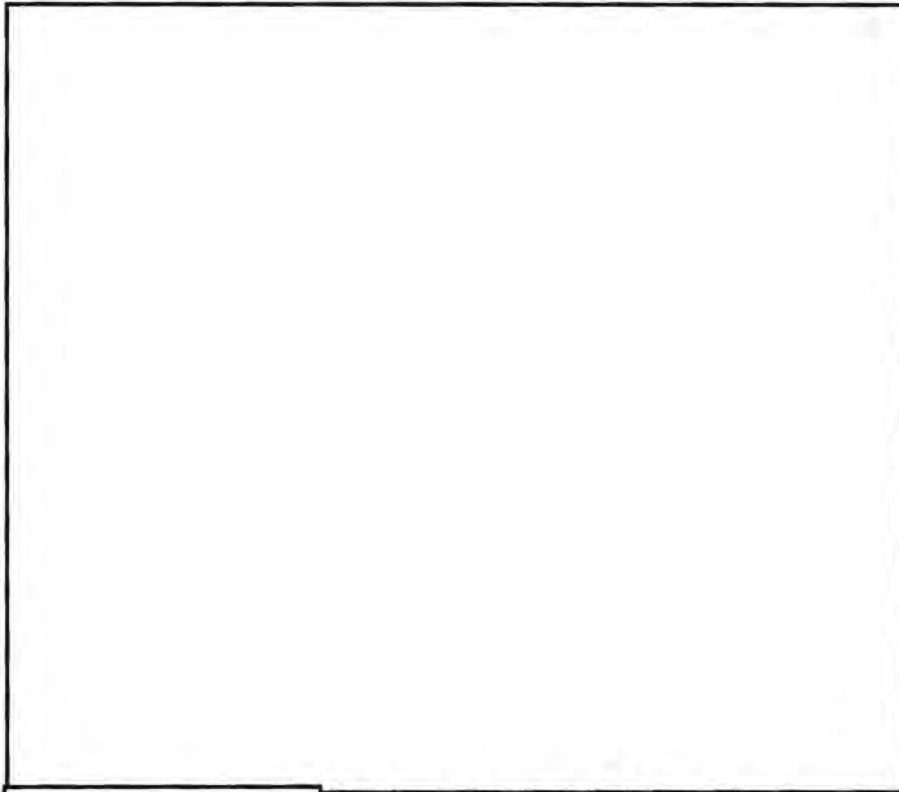
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*[Signature]*

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[redacted] all members of the John  
Birch Society. [redacted]



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SAC, NORFOLK (100-0)

9/22/71

SA [redacted]

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MISCELLANEOUS INFO CONCERNING

On 9/3/71, [redacted] voluntarily appeared at the Norfolk FBI Office and advised that he is currently employed as a [redacted] in [redacted] the General Electric Plant (GE Plant), Portsmouth, Virginia.

[redacted] advised that one [redacted] a white male of Polish decent, works with him at the GE Plant. [redacted] who emphasized the fact that he is a member of the John Birch Society and a patriotic American citizen who is concerned with the present condition and future of America, advised that he feels that [redacted] could possibly be a communist agent.

[redacted] could not give any specific reasons for his statement other than the nebulous comment that [redacted] is continuously playing "word games" with him concerning problems in America today. [redacted] advised that [redacted] is aware of the fact that he is a member of the John Birch Society and this could be one reason why he continually engages him in these "word games."

[redacted] advised that [redacted] speaks Russian. When asked how he knows this, [redacted] stated that he heard him speaking a foreign language and recognized it as being Russian.

[redacted] also advised that [redacted] is an active member in an organization known as SONS in Hampton, Virginia, and that he seemed to be happy when he heard about the school bus bombings in Pontiac, Michigan recently. [redacted] was repeatedly questioned by the writer as to why he suspected that [redacted] was involved in some type of intelligence-gathering; however, he could not give specific reasons.

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, JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY)

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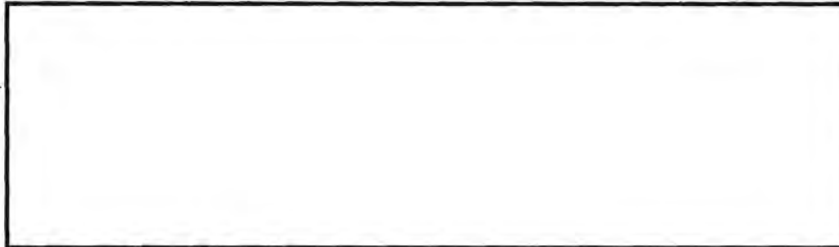
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He added that [ ] does not have access to any classified or otherwise secret documents at the GE Plant.

[ ] On several occasions during the interview, emphasized that he is a patriotic citizen and that he wants the FBI to know all about him.

[ ] The following description was obtained of

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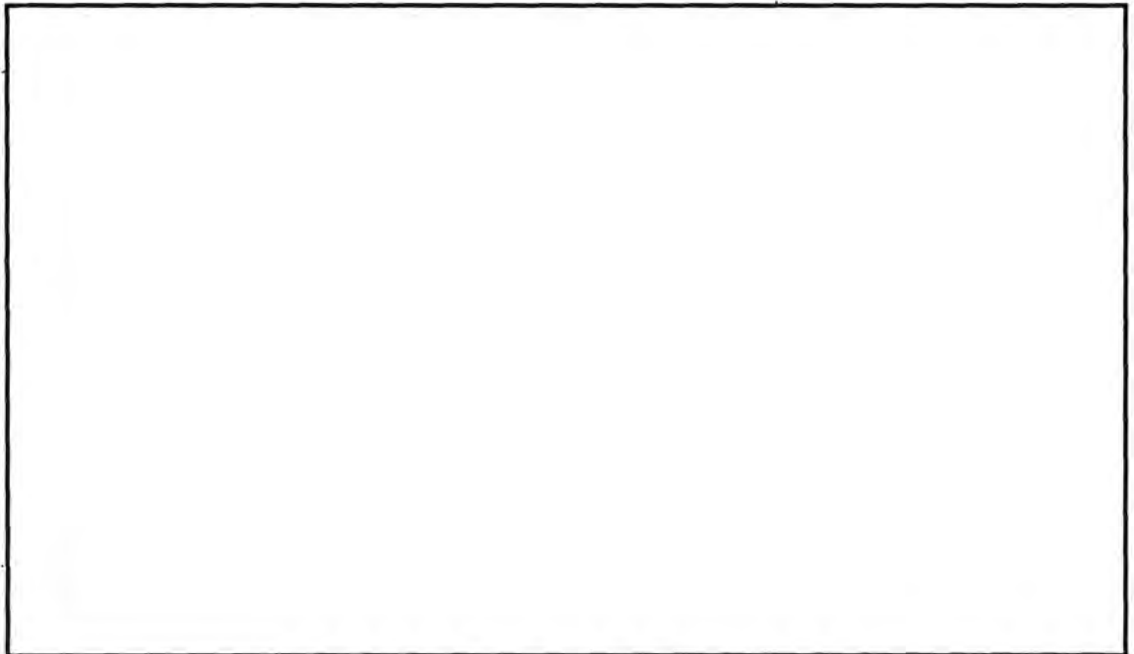
Organization  
Membership

John Birch Society  
Masons  
Assistant Scout Master

[redacted] was advised that the FBI does not investigate any of the organizations to which he belongs.

[redacted] advised that on a date in the near future he would furnish some descriptive and background information regarding [redacted]

On 9/20/71, [redacted] advised that [redacted] is described as follows:



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Children

One child, name and  
sex unknown; resides  
Hampton, Virginia

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SAC, NORFOLK [REDACTED]

12/6/71

SA [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] furnished the 10/71  
edition of the Fiery Cross Magazine. (Filed 157-2355).

ALL ACTION TAKEN ON INFORMANT'S INFORMATION.

On 11/16/71, informant furnished the following  
typewritten report:

"Tidbits and Things Overlooked"

[REDACTED]

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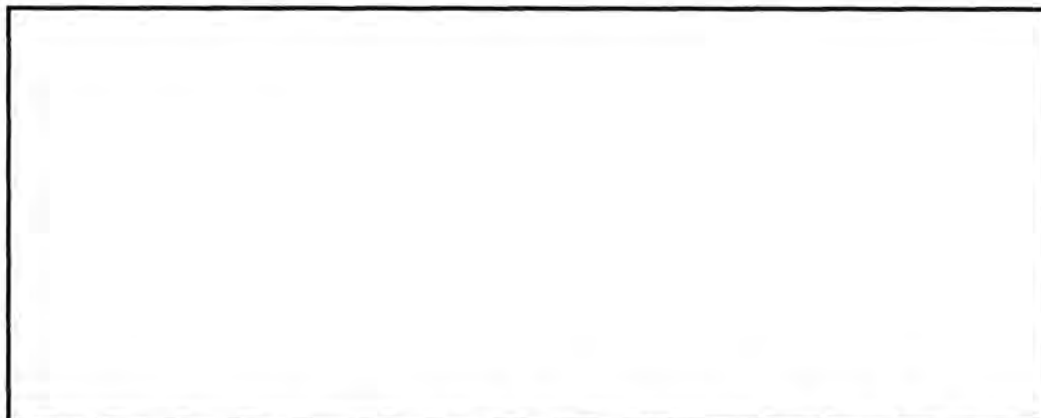
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FBI - NORFOLK	

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"It was learned from [redacted] that  
[redacted] planned to show two films  
[redacted]  
[redacted] was active  
in showing John Birch Society films."



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Remarks:

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157-2355. UKA

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105-546 JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY

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FEB 10 1972	
FBI - NEW YORK	

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February 2, 1972

On [redacted]  
Norfolk, Virginia, United Klans of America, Incorporated,  
Knights of the Ku Klux Klan (UKA, Inc., KKKK), held its  
[redacted] meeting [redacted]

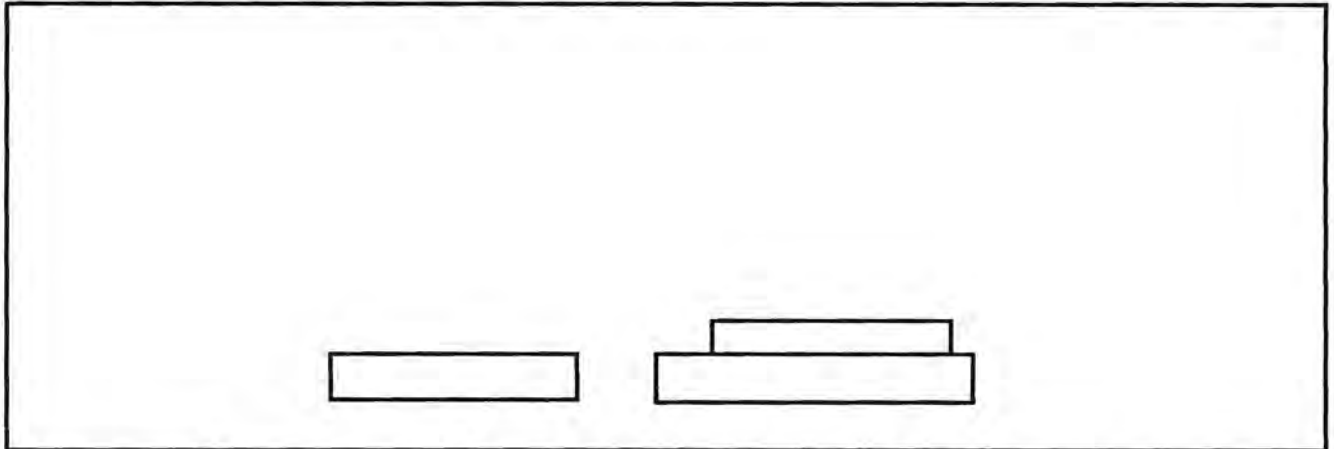
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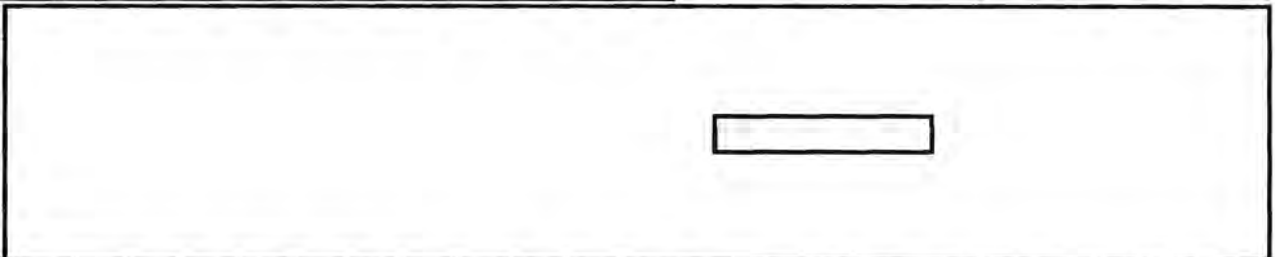
The newsletter also indicated that the publishers  
of certain newspapers and magazines and also certain  
news reporters in the United States are Communists.

[redacted]



[redacted] was heard commenting that he used to be a member of the John Birch Society. [redacted]

[redacted]



No other business of any importance was discussed, and the meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:45 P.M.

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TO : SAC, NORFOLK [REDACTED]

DATE: 3/4/72

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

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ALL ACTION TAKEN ON INFORMANT'S INFORMATION.

On 2/28/72, informant furnished the following  
typewritten report:

1 - Richmond (RM)  
(157-151, UKA)

One Each File:

[REDACTED]  
157-2355, UKA

[REDACTED]  
157-1247, FINANCES

[REDACTED]  
105-546, JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY

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157-DEAD, DONALD E. MIMS

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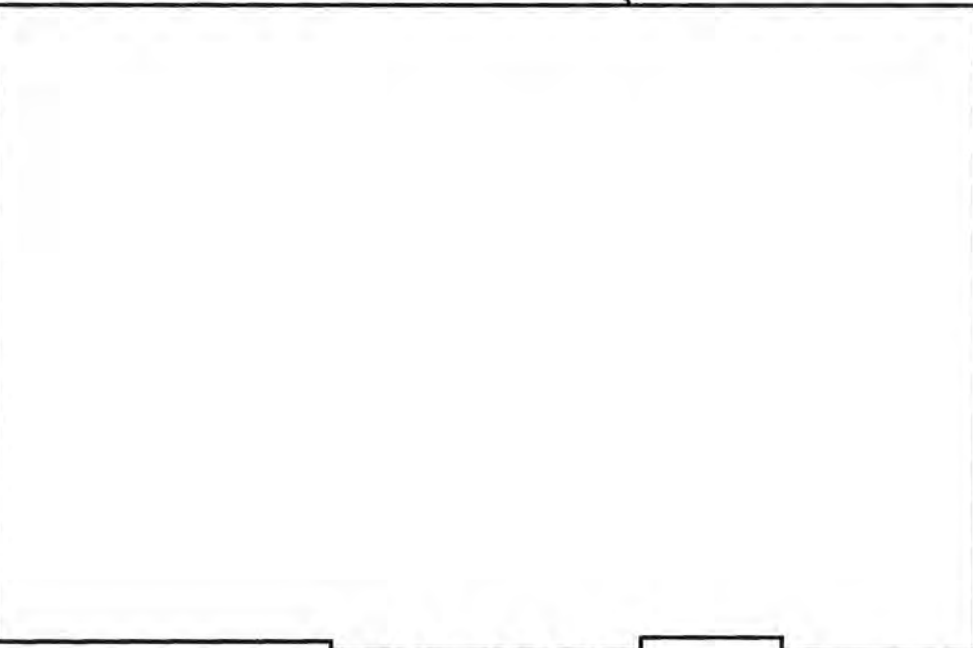
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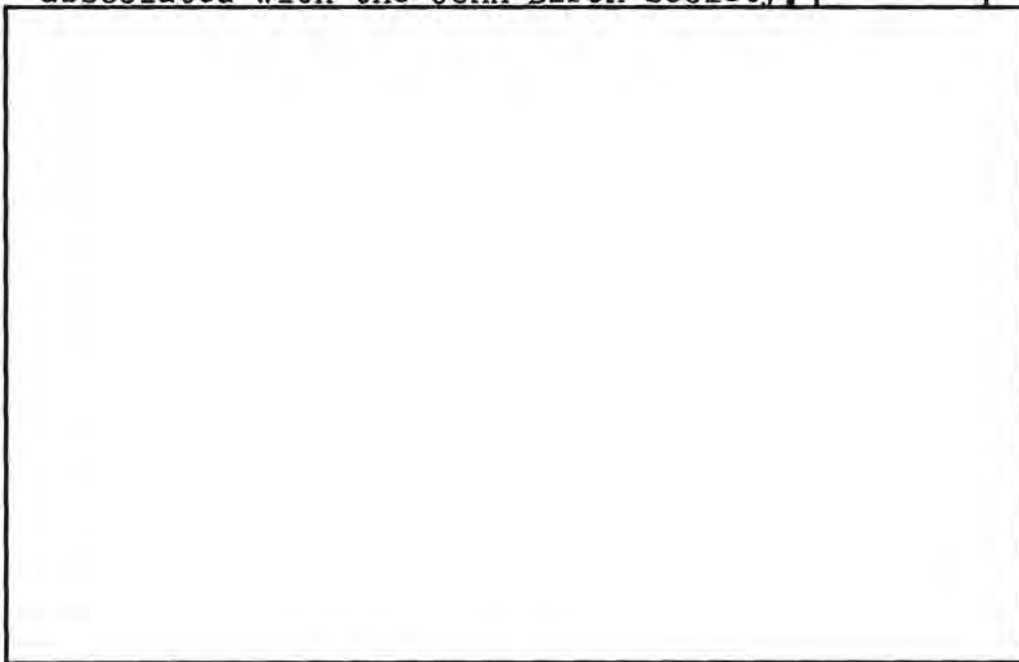


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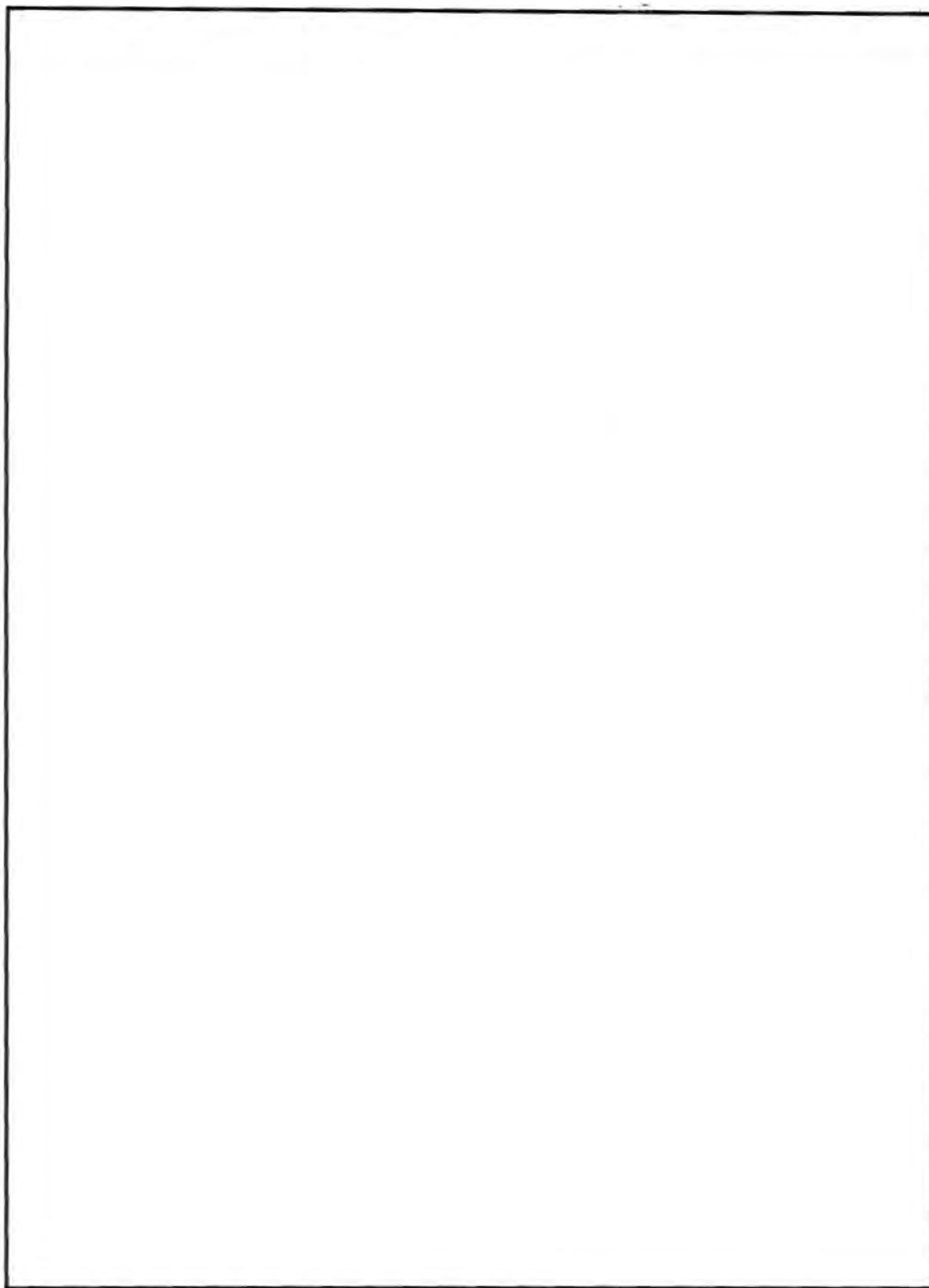
[redacted] It is believed [redacted] is  
associated with the John Birch Society. [redacted]



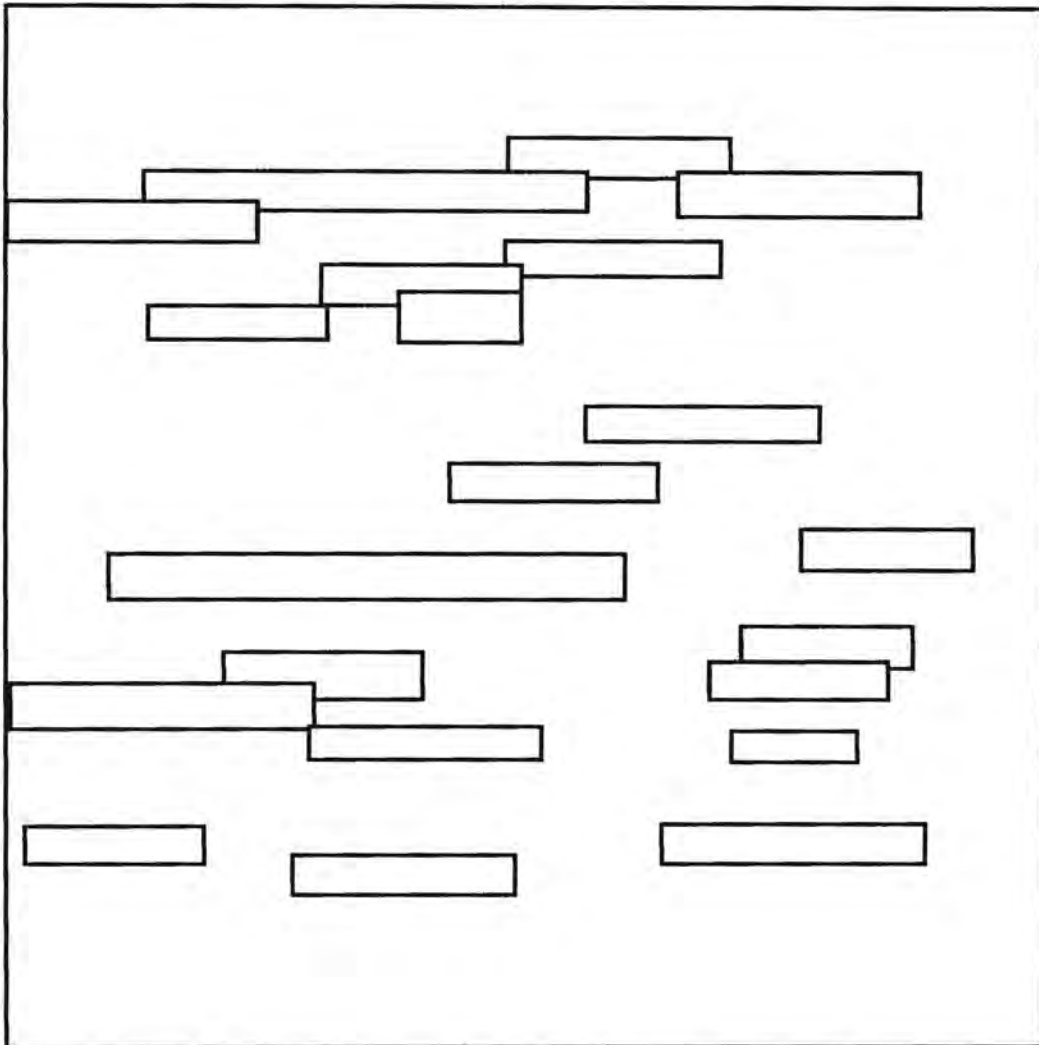
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3/3/72

Date(s) of activity

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Brief description of activity or material

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FBI - NORFOLK	

March 3, 1972

It has been learned that [REDACTED]

It has also been learned that [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
a filmstrip concerning the United Nations was shown.  
This program apparently was presented by the John Birch  
Society and was put on by [REDACTED] who apparently  
is a member of the society. [REDACTED]



After the showing of the filmstrip a brief discussion was held. Apparently the purpose of this program was to convince those present that the United Nations is a communist backed organization and that the United States should withdraw from that organization.

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TO : SAC, [REDACTED]

DATE: 5/6/72

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

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SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

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On 4/24/72, the informant furnished the following  
typewritten report:

[REDACTED]

ONE EACH FILE:

[REDACTED]  
157-2355-UKA  
157-1247-FINANCES  
157-380-UKA, CHES.-PORTS  
157-546-JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY

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MAY 11 1972	
FBI - NORFOLK	

[REDACTED]  
1 - RICHMOND (157-151-UKA)  
1 - Philadelphia (157-1646-UKA)  
1 - Oklahoma City (157-282-UKA)

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] is a member of the John Birch Society, Chapter No. 450. He commented this chapter had between 12 to 18 members. This group is not aware that [REDACTED] is a member of the UKA. [REDACTED] not to let these people find out that he was a Klansman. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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A large rectangular box containing several smaller rectangular boxes. The boxes are arranged as follows:

- Top left: A small rectangular box.
- Top center: A small rectangular box.
- Top right: A small rectangular box.
- Bottom left: A small rectangular box.
- Bottom center: A small rectangular box.
- Bottom right: A small rectangular box.

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TO : SAC, NORFOLK [REDACTED]

DATE: 9/6/72

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

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SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

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## ADMINISTRATIVE:

On 8/22/72, [REDACTED] furnished copies of the following items:

- (a) leaflet by GEORGE LINCOLN ROCKWELL
- (b) undated copy of "Action" magazine
- (c) pamphlet "White Action Movement Program"
- (d) form letter to "Fellow White Patriot," with attachments re a rally and fund request
- (e) leaflet "Who is the Real Enemy"

- 1 - [REDACTED]
- 1 - 157-2355, UKA
- 1 - [REDACTED]
- 1 - 157-1247, Finances
- ① - 105-546, John Birch Society

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GEORGE LINCOLN ROCKWELL

FNU [REDACTED]

FNU [REDACTED]

White Action Movement

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- 1 - [REDACTED]
- 1 - [REDACTED]
- 1 - [REDACTED]
- 1 - [REDACTED]
- 1 - [REDACTED]
- 1 - [REDACTED]
- 1 - [REDACTED]
- 1 - [REDACTED]
- 1 - [REDACTED]
- 1 - [REDACTED]

Newark

- 1 - 157-1892 UKA
- 1 - [REDACTED]



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- (f) two "tickets" for Boat Ticket to Africa
- (g) leaflet, "A Second Call to Freedom"
- (h) leaflet, "The Nigger Star Spangled Banner"
- (i) leaflet, "Nigger Disease Infects America"
- (j) leaflet, "Who Needs Niggers?"
- (k) leaflet, "Justice"

All of the above have been filed in 157-2355.

On 8/22/72, informant furnished the following typewritten report:

"Tidbits

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] of the John  
Birch Society in the Portsmouth/Chesapeake  
area. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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The diagram illustrates the distribution of 1000 individuals across 1000 plots. The plots are arranged in a grid, and the individuals are represented by horizontal bars of varying lengths, indicating the number of individuals in each plot. The distribution is highly skewed, with most plots containing a small number of individuals and a few plots containing a large number of individuals.

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TO : SAC, NORFOLK [REDACTED]

DATE: 10/2/72

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

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ADMINISTRATIVE DATA:

On 9/22/72, [REDACTED] furnished a copy of the following letters:

[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]

On 9/22/72, informant furnished the following typewritten report:

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Index to 105-546:

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[REDACTED]

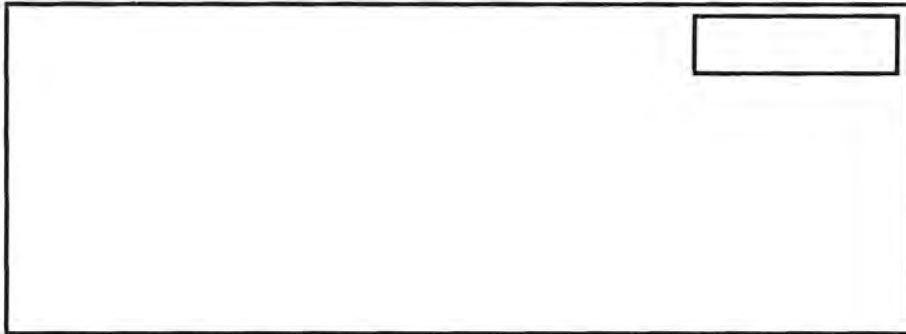
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] one  
of the high ranking members of the John Birch  
Society. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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TO : SAC, NORFOLK [REDACTED]

DATE: 10/3/72

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

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On 9/26/72, informant furnished the following  
typewritten report:

[REDACTED]

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157-2355-UKA

157-31-NSRP

105-546-JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY

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INDEX TO 105-546:

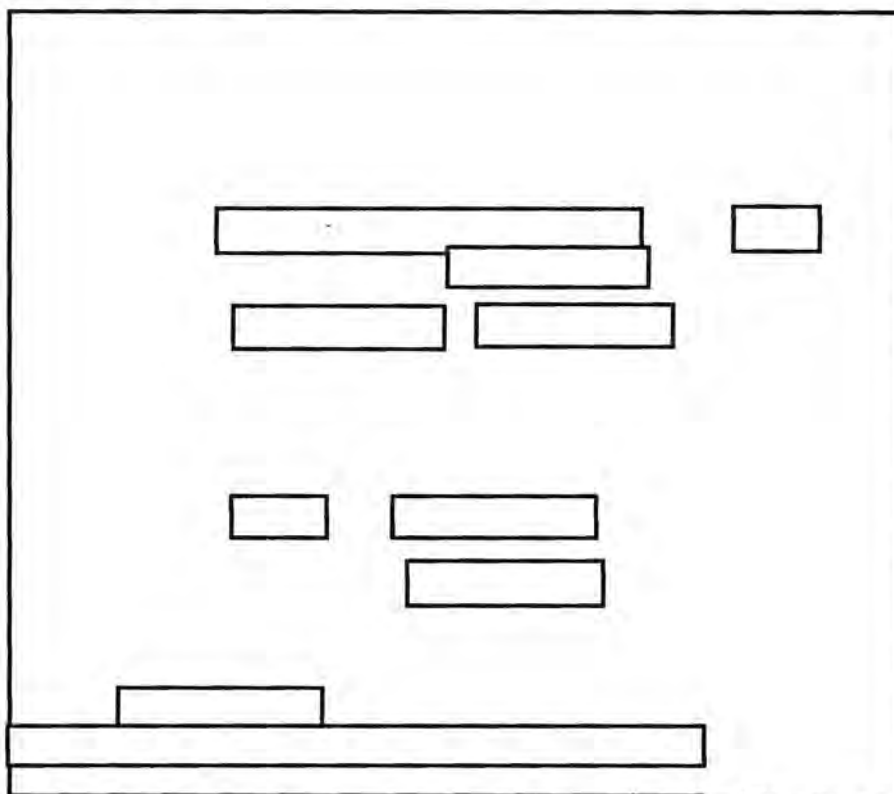
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FBI-NORFOLK	

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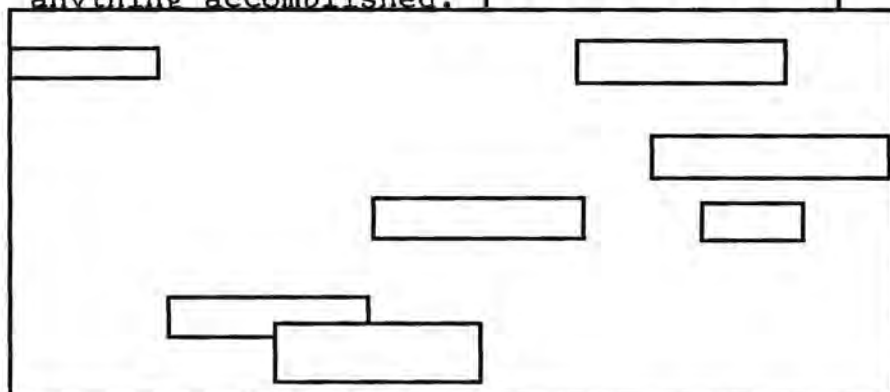
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These  
three are associated with the John Birch  
Society in Chesapeake. They had a meeting  
tonight.

had recently moved to Portsmouth.  
Let's take their Chapter over.

adding that the Birchers were not getting  
anything accomplished.



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# Memorandum

TO : SAC, NORFOLK [REDACTED]

DATE: 12/10/73

FROM : SA LEMUEL W. KERR

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SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

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On 12/5/73, [REDACTED] furnished a written  
report which is as follows:

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] is a member of the John  
Birch Society, But is known to have, at least, very  
close ties with the United Klans of America Knights  
of the Ku Klux Klan. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

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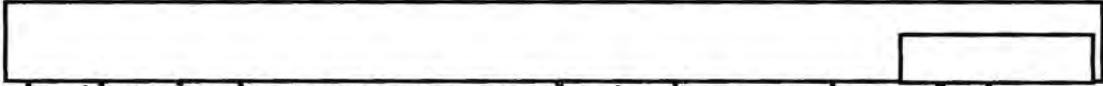
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FBI - NORFOLK	

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is thought by numerous people to be a member of the  
"UKA."

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on date

Remarks:

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- 1 - Birmingham (157-4602) (Dissemination left to discretion of Birmingham. See report.)
- 1 - Tampa (157-6938) (Dissemination left to discretion of Tampa. See report.)

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157-2355, UKA

100-5647, Minutemen

105-546, John Birch Society

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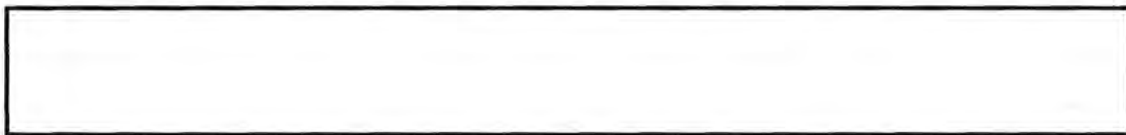
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FBI - NORFOLK	

Virginia, United Klans of America, Incorporated, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan (UKA Inc.. KKKK) [redacted] held a meeting [redacted]

commented something to the effect that the Klan, the Minutemen, and the John Birch Society, plan to publish a joint newspaper promoting the right wing views.





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# Birchers ask reversal of school rule

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(Indicate page, name of  
newspaper, city and state.)

A4 LEDGER-STAR  
Norfolk, Virginia

CHESAPEAKE — Local members of the John Birch Society have told the school board that their ad hoc committee is not political and have asked for a reversal of a decision denying them the use of school property.

Two members of a John Birch-affiliated committee called the Tidewater Support Your Local Police Committee showed up at the school board meeting Tuesday night asking for permission to use Indian River Junior High school for a Nov. 7 program featuring Rod Culp, a John Birch Society member from Washington.

The committee earlier had been turned down by the school system on the basis that it did not rent its buildings to political organizations.

Dictionary in hand, Joe Kee approached the School Board and explained that the Support Your Local Police Committee did not act as a specific function of the John Birch Society and then proceeded to read the definition of political as board members sat in stone-faced silence.

Kee said politics was not the purpose of the committee or its parent organization, that its purpose was educational with "truth as our only weapon."

He said the committee was concerned that local control of police was being lost to federal authority and that members fear law-enforcement agents will become part of a national police force or Gestapo organization.

School Superintendent Dr. Kenneth E. Fulp asked Kee if the committee was planning to charge admission to the program and if so was any of the money going to the local police force.

Kee said admission would be charged but that none of the money was slated to go to police coffers. He said it would go towards paying the speaker's expenses and pointed out that the committee had never broke even on any speaking engagement to date.

He showed the board flyers advertising Support Your Local Police Committee programs that had been held in Norfolk public and private schools.

School Board Chairman E. P. Wadsworth then stirred in his chair and said he noticed that Kee sported a bumper sticker on his car advertising the slogan "Support Your Local Police" and asked Kee if any of the proceeds from the sale of the bumper stickers went to the police force.

Kee said no and at this point Norman Hedrick, chairman of the ad hoc committee, approached the podium and announced that the committee was "diametrically opposed to Communism" and that he was "proud of being a flag-waver of the United States of America."

Date: September 17, 1975

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Author:

Editor:

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Character:

or NF 105-546-84

Classification:

Submitting Office: Norfolk

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He said the committee had the right to use the facilities that they pay taxes for. He then urged the board to come and see the program and said that he would personally see that they all had complimentary tickets.

He passed out literature on the ad hoc committee while Willa Bazemore, the only female black board member, asked Hedrick if there were any restrictions on membership in the committee.

Hedrick replied that the only requirement was that members be "persons of high moral conviction and good conscience."

"Who decides that?" Mrs. Bazemore asked.

"I can make that decision," Hedrick replied and told Mrs. Bazemore he would be glad to talk to her about membership any time at her convenience.

The decision on whether or the not the committee would be allowed the use of the school, however, was not made, as Wadsworth, deciding the matter was an "administrative decision," passed the business back to Fulp "for further study."

anticonmunist activity and that his plans would necessitate large financial contributions. No further information has been received indicating Welch's success in putting his program into effect.

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(C) ROBERT H. WELCH, JR. - INFORMATION CONCERNING (INTERNAL SECURITY) -- SAC Letter 59-13 (F) dated March 10, 1959, set out background data concerning Welch, a candy manufacturer of Belmont, Massachusetts, and his anticommunist campaign, Bufile 62-107401. Welch has written a manuscript entitled "The Politician," which is a vicious attack on the political life and beliefs of President Eisenhower. Welch has not published the manuscript but has had a limited number of copies printed which he has distributed or "loaned" to friends or individuals who he believed would be interested in its contents. The Bureau is in possession of a copy of it. Therefore, if the manuscript is offered to you for reproduction purposes, it will not be necessary to send copies to the Bureau.

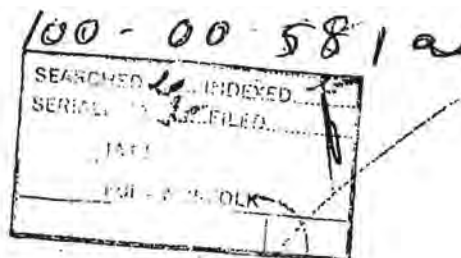
Welch also created an organization in Indianapolis, Indiana, in December, 1958, called "The John Birch Society," the long-range objective of which has been summarized as "less government, more responsibility, and a better world." Chapters of this Society are coming into existence in various parts of the country. The Bureau has received several inquiries concerning the Society and is in possession of a copy of "The Blue Book," which sets forth information on the Society.

The above is furnished for information purposes. In the event a chapter of The John Birch Society is organized in your territory, the Bureau should be notified promptly and furnished a resume of the chapter's activities. The Bureau is particularly interested in any efforts by subversive elements to take over or use this Society or its chapters. No investigation should be conducted.

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Very truly yours,  
John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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(D) THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY, (JBS) - SAC Letter 59-13 (F), dated March 10, 1959, set out background data concerning Robert H. Welch, Jr., a candy manufacturer of Belmont, Massachusetts, and his anticommunist campaign. SAC Letter 60-5 (C), dated January 26, 1960, advised that in December, 1958, Welch created an organization called "The John Birch Society," the long-range objective of which has been summarized as "less government, more responsibility, and a better world."

Recently, a printer in Santa Barbara, California, advised he had received an order from JBS to print 10,000 copies of my poster, "What You Can Do To Fight Communism." The JBS also requested the printer to print an addition on the poster to the effect that this statement was being distributed under the auspices of the JBS. We have advised the printer that the FBI has not given approval for JBS to reproduce the poster nor could the FBI approve of the addition to the poster reflecting its distribution by JBS.

In view of this irresponsible organization's attempt to capitalize on the FBI's prestige, no Bureau publications of any kind are to be made available to JBS or to any of its representatives. You should be alert to the possibility that this group may attempt to reproduce Bureau publications and distribute them giving the impression that the FBI sanctions JBS. Immediately advise the Bureau of any such information coming to your attention. Further, any requests by JBS to reproduce Bureau publications should be turned down.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover

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# Quiet Voices of the Other Side Are Lifted for Peace, Victory

By TIM MORTON

Virginian-Pilot Staff Writer

NORFOLK — They gathered in the late afternoon gloom and chill to counter the much larger demonstration that took place downtown earlier. They did not march or read from a list of those killed in Vietnam.

They spoke quietly for little more than an hour of their desire for peace; of the perplexity of the U.S. involvement in Vietnam; of the need for continuing support for American troops there; and of the importance of victory in order to justify the deaths of 44,000 American soldiers there and to protect a standard of freedom they cherish.

The 25 or so people gathered in a city parking lot across from Foreman Field on Hampton Boulevard to express their opposition to Moratorium Day. They were met by an almost equal

number of Moratorium Day supporters.

"We're not the kind of people who go out to things like this," said H. D. Hedrick, who later told the gathering that Communists have infiltrated antiwar organizations. Hedrick spoke as a representative of the John Birch Society.

"We're all more together on this thing than you believe," W. I. McKendres said to the Moratorium supporters who listened patiently to his speech.

"Your quietness and willingness to listen shows that we still have a sense of gentleness and can give thought to the meaning of democratic action," McKendres said.

McKendres a founding father of the Virginia Conservative party and candidate for the State Senate from Norfolk in 1966, said "all of us want peace, and regardless of any solution, there is

a mass of confusion which we share about Vietnam."

The desire for peace should not negate, however, the importance of victory in Vietnam, said Mrs. Judy Pethel, speaking for the Tidewater Friends of McIntyre's 20th Century Reformation. Religion and politics coincide in Mrs. Pethel's group which supports the conservative views of radio personality and preacher Carl McIntyre.

"The vast majority of Americans—President Nixon's 'forgotten majority'—still support the our men in Vietnam," she said.

"On the surface, the turnout is rather discouraging," K. W. Howlett, chairman of the Tidewater Virginia Movement to Restore Decency and sponsor of the counterdemonstration, admitted at the close of the demonstration. "But we're going to see this thing through just as much as the New Left."

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N. L. Hedrick expresses the views of the John Birch Society at Moratorium Day's counterdemonstration.

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